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PREFACE.

This volume, the tenth issued, under the direction of the Committee on Library, contains the Minutes of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., 1859-1864.

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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Richard Vaux, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. John M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. John L. Goddard, S. G. D. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. D. J. Loudenslager, G. Marshal. H. L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and Wm. W. Thomson, G. Stewards. Geo. H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Randall, Read, Perkins, Barger and Whitney, Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Bros. Tallman, Green. No. 3, Thomson, Brewer, Wester, English, Skerrett, Maguire. No. 9, Kelly, Mackey, Thorpe, Palmer, Leech, Burnell. No. 19, Thornley, Griscom, Wright, Cummings, Thomas, McGinnis. No. 21, Waugh, Muench, Bombaugh. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Lewis, Read, Whitney, Workman, Johnson. No. 52, Day, Hoopes, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Shindler. No. 59, Adams, Coburn, J. L. and G. L. Taylor, Sinexon, Davenport, Gibson. No. 62, Heller, Henry, Bellemere, Hawman. No. 67, Wood, Field, Rutherford, Loudenslager, Smith, Wagner, Bolt, Baugh, Reese. No. 71, Jones, Frismuth, Hutchinson. No. 72, Williams, White, Thompson, Phillips, Barger, Cornell, Ashton, Hoffman. No. 81, Shriver, Davis, Dickinson, Piper. No. 91, Mustin, S. C. and S. H. Perkins. No. 114, Stevenson, Stokley, Morrell, Hamill, Hamm, Clark, Thomson. No. 115, Adams, Shaffer, Leigh, Heylin, Heimburger. No. 121, Prevost, Warner, Vaux. No. 125, Philipp, Maag, Peeler, Wollenweber, Garrigues. No. 126, Miller, Nisbet, Widner, Bell. No. 130, Lescure, Riley, Suter, Stokes, Young, Stevenson. No. 131, Atkins, Miller, Penrose. No. 134, Murphy, Goddard, Williamson. No. 135, Dykes, Eberhart. No. 155, Woodbury, Martin, Hedges, Curtis, Allen. No. 152, Sweeney. No. 158, Jones, Funk, Oliver, Wetherby, Shields. No. 186, Boswell, Gaskill, Lewis, Stevenson. No. 187, Purves, Neill, Coll, Zimmerman. No. 190, Richards. No. 211, McCulley, Bender, Rice, Page, Hall, Cartwright, Dickinson. No. 216, Irish. No. 227, Diehl, Rauch, Durell. No. 228, Bugh. No. 230, Gicker, Christian, Brittain. No. 242, Otis, Lilly. No. 246, Jones. No. 258, Bond, Randall. No. 260, Campbell. No. 271, Davis, Neall, Atkinson. No. 274, Goddard, Dechert, Letford, Hornor, Rugan. No. 281, McConnell, Bouden. No. 282, Crawford. No. 287.

Herdman. No. 289, Gwyn, Phillips, White, Martin. No. 292, Eccles, No. 295, Coleman, Sinexon. No. 296, Griffith, Roberts, Fling. No. 300, King. No. 315, Ruby. No. 316, Shelmerdine. No. 322, Jefferies, Pinkerton, Jones. No. 324, Dent, Mickey, Dewees. No. 326, Rupp.

Proxies: No. 106, W. W. Thomson; Nos. 138, 251, W. H. Adams; No. 226, Jos. S. Riley; No. 265, Wm. English.

Fifty-nine Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form 7¼ o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of Dec. 6, 1858, were read and approved.

The minutes of the Extra Communication of Dec. 20, 1858, were read and approved.

The minutes of the Annual Communication of Dec. 27, 1858, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws. Lodges Nos. 3, 25, 121, 230, 241, 258, 270. By-laws of the following Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws: Lodges Nos. 225, 232, 278, 319, 325, 326.

Applications for Warrants for new Lodges to be held at Salem, Luzerne Co., Montoursville, Lycoming Co., Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., Allentown, Lehigh Co., were read and on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Communications were read from sundry Lodges, appointing Proxies, as follows: From Lodge No. 164, appointing Bro. Wm. Barger; No. 220, appointing Bro. Wm. H. Adams; No. 225, appointing Bro. J. M. Davenport; No. 272, appointing Bro. Geo. W. Hall; No. 278, appointing Bro. Wm. Curtis; Nos. 286 and 294, appointing Bro. Richard Vaux; No. 304, appointing Bro. D. Thompson; No. 309, appointing Bro. P. Williamson; No. 317, appointing Bro. D. C. Skerrett.

On motion said communications were ordered to be filed and said Brethren acknowledged as Proxies.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 156, 186, 197, 211, 216, 271, 275, and 300, on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 81, announcing a change of their place of meeting. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 108, asking this Grand Lodge to restore to good Masonic Standing Bro. —— ———, who had been expelled by said Lodge. On motion said prayer was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 106, in relation to the Initiation of —— ——— with an appeal signed —— ——— against the action of said Lodge. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from —— ———, a rejected applicant in Lodge No. 187, appealing against said rejection. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 228, appealing against the rejection in that Lodge of —— ———, —— ———, and —— ———, also a communication from each of the rejected applicants. On motion permission to take another ballot was granted, provided due notice be given of the time such ballot will take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 242, in relation to the jewels and other property of Lodge No. 201, formerly held at Mauch Chunk. On motion referred to the Grand Officers.

A communication was read from —— ———, appealing against his expulsion by Lodge No. 271; also a communication of like character from —— ———. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 248, asking that —— ———, a rejected applicant be restored to good standing, On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 277, asking a remission of Grand Lodge dues. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 286, appealing against the advancement of Bro. —— ——— by Lodge No. 271. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ———, a rejected applicant. On motion permission was granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time such ballot will take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 290, asking a remission of Grand Lodge dues. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 300, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ———, a rejected applicant. On motion permission was granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot will take place.

The following resolution was read and laid over until next Quarterly Grand Communication: *Resolved*, That Section 35 of the Ahiman Rezon, Article, Wardens, page 29, be so amended that if a Past Master be sent by the Worshipful Master and Wardens to represent them in the Grand Lodge he may also represent the Past Masters of his Lodge in the same body, provided he shall have their authority to do so, with the Seal of the Lodge attached, attested by the Secretary.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 274, asking permission to take a third ballot on the application of —— ——— for Initiation and Membership. On motion permission was granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot will take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 296, asking the Grand Lodge for a loan of the sum of three hundred dollars. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

The following report of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read and approved, and the resolutions were adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received from interest and dividends on investments since the last report presented March 1, 1858, the sum of.....$2,333 70
Interest accrued on deposits in Penna. Co. for Insurance on Lives, &c..... 40 61

Making an income of.....$2,374 31
To which add balance on deposit at last report..... 939 02

Making a total of.....$3,313 33
Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the R. W. Grand Master for the use of the Committee of Charity since the last report..... 2,000 00

Leaving a balance of.....$1,313 33

on deposit to the credit of the Trust in the Penna. Co. No change has been made in the investments of the Trust since the last report. The Trustees understand that there are several thousand dollars of the funds of the Grand Lodge in the hands of the Treasurer. If so, they would respectfully suggest that they be authorized to transfer from time to time such amounts of the certificates of the Masonic Loan of this Grand Lodge as may be expedient and invest the same in other safe and productive stocks. They make this suggestion because they think that no trust should have all or even the principal part of its funds invested in one security. The large investment of $36,900 in Masonic Loans was made at a time when the interest of the Grand Lodge required it, and it could be done without injury to the Trust. As the same reason does not now exist, and the funds of the Grand Lodge are accumulating they think it would be for the interest not only of the Trust but also of the Grand Lodge to pay as much of their debt as may be convenient. The Trustees are aware that they have a discretionary power in regard to their investments, but they prefer not to change them without the sanction of the Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and they are hereby authorized to surrender or transfer from time to time to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge such and so many of the certificates of the Loans of this Grand Lodge as he may have funds to redeem and invest the proceeds in other safe and productive stocks. *Resolved*, that the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1, 1860, to be drawn for in the usual manner. All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, JAS. HUTCHINSON,
Trustees, Girard Bequest.

P. G. Master, Bro. Josiah Randall, called up for consideration his resolution to Amend the Ahiman Rezon. It was then read by the Grand Secretary, as follows: *Resolved*, that the 4th Section of the amended Ahiman Rezon, titled "Duties of Lodges," page 31, which provides that "elections and all other business and work are done in a Master Mason's Lodge, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to the lesser degrees," be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed. After a prolonged discussion in which P. G. Masters, Bros. Randall, Read, Whitney and Williamson, and other Brethren participated, the resolution was again read, and the question on its passage being taken it was declared to be lost by a large majority. Said Section of the Ahiman Rezon therefore remains unchanged.

Bro. Wm. Lilly offered the following Resolution, which was on motion adopted. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby instructed to make out or cause the same to be done at the end of each Masonic year a detailed statement of the financial condition and standing of this Grand Lodge, together with a balance sheet showing the standing of each blue Lodge with this Grand Lodge, and as soon as practicable thereafter to cause the same to be printed and at least one copy thereof sent to each blue Lodge in this jurisdiction.

The following report of the Committee on Landmarks was read, and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Landmarks to whom the Grand Lodge referred the overture of the R. W. Grand Master relative to reports of Committee upon application for Initiation and Membership, report, the question submitted to the Committee by the Grand Lodge is, whether the report of the Committee of three Brethren upon the application of a candidate for Initiation, or of a Brother for Membership in a Lodge requires a unanimous action of each member of the Committee, or whether a report of a majority of the Committee is sufficient? The inquiry is not without difficulty; and has engaged the serious attention of your Committee. In the ordinary routine of business both in the Grand Lodge and in subordinate Lodges the parliamentary rule has been adopted that a majority of a standing or special Committee is competent to make a report, but the inquiry into the qualifications of a candidate for admission as a member of a Lodge is peculiar in its character. The theory of the whole proceeding is that the candidate should be approved of without any dissenting voice. They therefore propose for the consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge the following standing regulation: Reports of Committees, if favorable, upon the character and qualifications of a candidate for Initiation or Membership must be signed by every member of the Committee, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Lodge that the member of the Committee not signing such report was duly notified of his

appointment and was prevented by sickness, absence or some other unavoidable cause from attending the meeting of the Committee and participating in their report. Respectfully submitted.

The following report of the Committee on Landmarks was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom were referred the proceedings of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, and its officers relative to the restoration to membership of Bro. —— ——, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, report, it appears that on the 16th of December, 1853, the said —— —— was in due form suspended for non-payment of dues, that on the 21st day of November, 1856, he paid up his dues and applied to be restored as a member of the Lodge. The Lodge received the dues and appointed a Committee upon his petition for membership. The Committee made an unfavorable report which was regularly adopted. Some further proceedings took place in the Lodge upon an application made by said Bro. —— —— to the Lodge to review their former decision against him, to which the Committee deem it not now material to advert. On the 16th of April, 1858, the Worshipful Master presented to the Lodge another application, the third in order, of the said —— —— to be admitted as a member thereof. After the presentation of this petition the Lodge adopted a resolution placing the applicant, —— ——, in Good Masonic Standing. Another Committee was then appointed to inquire into his character, who on the 21st of May made a favorable report, whereupon he was balloted for and rejected. The applicant subsequently on the 17th of September, 1858, applied for a Lodge certificate that he was in good standing in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 114, then referred the whole matter to the Grand Lodge requesting them to decide whether Bro. —— —— is under the circumstances of the case entitled to the usual certificate. Your Committee are of opinion that according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge the said Bro. —— —— is not entitled as of right to a Lodge certificate, but they think that under the circumstances of this case the Lodge ought to grant to him a certificate of Good Masonic Standing. They therefore offer for the consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the W. Master and Officers of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, be and they are hereby directed to grant to Bro. —— ——, late a member of said Lodge a certificate that he is in Good Masonic Standing in the order. Respectfully submitted.

PHILAD., March 5, 1859.

After some discussion the consideration of the foregoing resolution was postponed.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report, which was read and approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend, that Sec. 2, Art. I, be stricken from the By-laws of Lodge No. 222, and the following substituted: "The hour of meeting shall be 6 o'clock, P. M., on and after the 25th of September to the 25th of March and 7 o'clock on and from the 25th of March to the 25th of September." That Sec. 3, be stricken out. That the words "the W. Master and Wardens" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. IV, and the words "three Master Masons appointed by the W. Master" be substituted. That the word "worthy" be inserted before the word "indigent" in same Section. That Sec. 3, Art. IV, be stricken out. That the word "membership" be substituted for "affiliation" wherever the latter occurs. That the words "excepting the Committee of Charity" be stricken from Sec. VIII. That the words "and membership" be inserted after the word "Initiation" in Sec. 1, Art. V. That after the words "in writing" in said Section be inserted the words "as set forth in pages 96 and 97 of the Ahiman Rezon" and that the balance of said Article be stricken out. That all after the word "initiated" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. VI. That Sec. 2 be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fee for membership shall be ten dollars." That Secs. 3 and 4 be stricken from Art. IX. That Art. X be stricken out and the following substituted, "any member one year or more in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, and should he for three months thereafter neglect or refuse to pay the same, the Lodge may by resolution fix a Stated Meeting to require his presence and payment of dues under penalty of suspension or expulsion and having given him due and special notice thereof may on the night appointed in default of payment, proceed to suspend or expel him." That the words "in Ancient Masonic Form" be stricken from Rule 4, and words "In Ancient Form" be stricken from Rule 12th. That Rule 13th be stricken out, and the following substituted: "The foregoing Rules of Order or any part of them may be dispensed with by the presiding officer, should he deem it expedient," and that said By-laws be then approved. That Sec. 1, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 313 be so altered as to read "at 6 o'clock, P. M. on and from the 25 of September to the 25 of March, and 7 o'clock, P. M., on and from the 25 of March to the 25 of September." That Sec. 3, Art. II, be stricken out. That Secs. 1 and 2 of Art III be stricken out and the following substituted: "The powers and duties of the W. Master and Wardens are those prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon and established by the usages of the order." That Secs. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of Art. V, be stricken out, and the following substituted: "Applications for Initiation and Membership and all proceedings thereon shall be as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon." That the following be inserted: "The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz.:

For conferring the 3 degrees by dispensation, $22; for Initiation and Membership, $22; for admission of an E. Apprentice from another Lodge, $10; for admission of a Fellow Craft from another Lodge, $5; for admission of a Master Mason from another Lodge, $3. Of the above fee for Initiation and Membership of $22, twelve dollars shall accompany the petition, to be returned in case of rejection and forfeited to the Lodge in case the petitioner should not come forward." That Secs. 6 and 7 of Art. V be stricken out. That all after the words "in each year" in Art. VII be stricken out and the following substituted: "Any member one year or more in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary and should he for three months thereafter neglect or refuse to pay the same the Lodge may by resolution fix on a Stated Meeting to require his presence and payment of dues under penalty of suspension or expulsion and having given due and special notice thereof may on the night appointed in default of payment proceed to suspend or expel him." That Art. VIII be stricken out and the following substituted: "No member in arrears for dues shall be permitted to vote for officers. That Secs. 3 and 4, Art. IX, be stricken out. That Sec. 1, Art. X, be stricken out and the following substituted: "Any member wishing to resign must declare his intentions in writing at a Stated Meeting, and at the same time pay all arrearages to the Lodge, including the dues for the evening or have the same remitted when his request shall be granted; provided, however, that there are no charges against his character pending in the Lodge." That the words "and with the approbation of two-thirds of the members present" be stricken from Art. XI. That Art. XII be stricken out. That "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIV, and "a majority" substituted. And that said By-laws be then approved.

(Signed) R. FRAZER.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was read and approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws and Amendments to By-laws submitted to them and would recommend, that the amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 3 be approved. That after the words "Lodge night" in Sec. *d*, Art. VIII, of the amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 25 be added the following: "the members having been properly notified of the business to be acted on." That the word "like" be inserted before the word "majority" in the next line. That all of Sec. *a*, Art. XI, after the words "thirty dollars" be stricken out and the following substituted: "to be paid on receiving the first degree. That Sec. *b*, same Article, be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fee for admission of an E. A. Mason from another Lodge shall be

—— dollars, for a F. C. Mason from another Lodge —— dollars, and for a Master Mason —— dollars, to be paid in advance." That from Art. XIII the word "twice" be stricken out and "once" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the Amendments to By-laws of Lodge No. 121, be approved. That the Amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 211, be approved. That all after the words "7 o'clock, P. M." in Sec. 2, of By-laws of Lodge No. 225 be stricken out and the following substituted: "from March 25 to September 25 inclusive, and 6 o'clock from September 25 to March 25." That the first clause of Sec. VIII, be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fee for Initiation and Membership shall be twenty-five dollars, to be paid on receiving the first degree. Five dollars to accompany each petition. For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, twenty-five dollars; for admission of an E. A. Mason from another Lodge fifteen dollars; for admission of a F. C. Mason ten dollars; for admission of a Master Mason two dollars. That from Sec. 9, all after the words "this Lodge" be stricken out and the following substituted: "shall conform to the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon." That the words "shall be suspended" be stricken from Sec. XI, and the following substituted: "may be suspended or expelled, due notice having been given such delinquent of said arrears, and the time fixed for the intended action of the Lodge." That the words "or diploma" be stricken from Sec. 12. That the second clause of Sec. 13, beginning "They shall take cognizance, &c.," be stricken out, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the Amendments to By-laws of Lodge No. 230, be approved. That the word "23d" be stricken from Art. IV, of By-laws of Lodge No. 232, and "25th" substituted. That the sentence beginning "If all three are absent" in 4th paragraph of Art. IX. be stricken out. That the word "adjourned" wherever it occurs be stricken out. That the clauses in same Article setting forth the duties of the Deacons be stricken out. That the word "provided" be stricken from Art. X, and "laid down in the Ahiman Rezon," substituted. That the word "demit" be stricken from Art. XIII, and "certificate" substituted. That all after the words "Evangelists' day" be stricken from Art. XVII, and the following substituted: "may be suspended or expelled, provided due notice be given to the delinquent of the arrears and of the time fixed by the Lodge for said action." That the word "duties" be substituted for "obligations" in Articles XVIII and XX and wherever else it occurs. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Articles XVIII, XXI, and XXV and "a majority" substituted. That all of the second paragraph after the word "causes" in Art. XXIV, be stricken out. That to Art. XXVI the following be added: "The foregoing rules may be dispensed with by the presiding officer, should he deem it expedient, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the Amendment to Sec. 2, Art. I, of By-laws of Lodge No. 241, be stricken out and the following substituted: "The hours of meeting shall be 7 o'clock, P. M., from the 25

of March to the 25 of September and 6 o'clock, P. M., from the 25 of September to the 25 of March." That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XII, and a "majority" substituted. That to Sec. 4 Art. XIII, the following is added: "These rules of order may be dispensed with by the presiding officer, should he deem it expedient," and that said By-laws be then approved. That the Amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 258, be approved. That the Amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 270, be approved. That Sec. 2, Art. I, of By-laws of Lodge No. 278 be so altered as to read "six o'clock, P. M., from 25th September to 25th March and seven o'clock, P. M., from 25th March to 25th September." That all of Sec. 3, Art. II., after the words "proceed to" be stricken out, and the following substituted: "the election of officers, as provided for by the Ahiman Rezon." That Sec. 3, Art. V, be stricken out. That all after the word "petition" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. VI, and the following substituted: "and the balance on receiving the first degree." That all after the words "not paid" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. VII, and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, due notice having been given him of said arrears and of the time fixed for action of the Lodge." That to this article be added the provision of the Ahiman Rezon, pages 36 and 37 beginning "A brother who has been suspended, &c." That the 6th rule of order be stricken from Art. X. and the following added thereto: "The foregoing rules may be dispensed with by the presiding officer should he deem it expedient," and that said By-laws be then approved. That Sec. 3, Art. VI, of By-laws of Lodge 319, be added "provided due notice be given him of the time fixed for said action of the Lodge." That the words "when eight shall be due he may be suspended" be stricken from said Section, and that said By-laws be then approved. That after the words "in writing" in Sec. 1, Art. IV, of By-laws of Lodge No. 325 be added, "according to the form given in the Ahiman Rezon, page 96." That after the word "occupation" in same section, be added the following: "which petition shall be referred to a Committee of three Master Masons, members of this Lodge to make the necessary inquiries, neither of whom shall be a recommender." That the words "five dollars at the time of the reception of each degree" be stricken from same Section and the following substituted: "fifteen dollars on receiving the first degree." That all after the words "as follows, viz." be stricken from Art. V, and the following substituted: For conferring the 3 degrees by Dispensation, $25; for Initiation and Membership, $25; for admission of an E. A. from another Lodge, $20; for admission of a F. C. from another Lodge, $15; for admission of a Master Mason, $5. That from Sec. 3, Art. VI, the following be stricken out: "which reading we agree shall be sufficient notice." That all after the words "until another" be stricken from Sec. 4. Art. VII. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. VIII, and Sec. 1, Art. XI, and "a majority" substituted in both places. That to Article XV, be added the following: "but these

rules may be dispensed with by the presiding officer, should he deem it expedient," and that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILAD., March 7, 1859.

Bro. Wm. English, President of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund stated that said fund hold a mortgage on property in Germantown, and that said property is about to change hands for the purpose of erecting two large dwelling houses thereon, and that the parties are anxious to have the mortgage divided, and therefore asked of the Grand Lodge instructions how to proceed. On motion the matter was referred to the Trustees with power to act with a view to the interests of the Grand Lodge.

The following Report of the Committee on the petition of Members of Lodge No. 260, was read and approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

PHILADA., March 7, 1859.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN, Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of members of St. John's Lodge, No. 260, located at Carlisle, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined into the various charges as set forth in the petition of the Members of St. John's Lodge, No. 260, against the action of the then D. D. Grand Master, Bro. —— ———, in Entering, Passing and Raising the Rev. Dr. ——— by Dispensation and find that though the manner in which the degrees were conferred was entirely irregular and contrary to the usages of the order as known and established with us, yet we have found that Bro. D. D. G. M. ——— acted upon precedents established by his predecessors not only in his district, but in many other districts throughout the state. Your Committee have discovered in their inquiries on this subject that many of the D. D. G. Masters are impressed that they possess all the prerogatives of the Grand Master, among others that of making Masons at sight, and as there is no regulation in our Constitution defining the powers, &c., of D. D. Grand Masters, and as the power of Dispensation is one that should be most strictly guarded, your Committee would suggest that the Grand Lodge through their proper Committee do enact such rules and regulations as may for the future prevent any recurrences of this nature, and would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution to the consideration of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the Committee on Landmarks be requested to take into consideration the subject of granting Dispensations to Enter, Pass and Raise candidates for Masonry, and report such regulations as they may deem proper, to protect the order from future irregularities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. HUTCHINSON, J. T. THOMAS.

The R. W. Grand Secretary announced that printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received since last report: Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Canada; also a Lecture before G. L. of Louisiana, Grand Officers of Vermont and Mississippi and circular from Virginia, "Fete d'ordre."

On motion referred to Com. of Correspondence.

On motion the following visiting brethren were admitted during the evening: Bros. J. W. Logan, No. 3; H. MacIntosh, No. 9; R. C. Brodie, No. 19; J. W. Glover, No. 21; W. D. Reinhart, No. 21; H. C. Beatty, No. 25; V. C. Sweatman, No. 52; P. I. Patton, No. 59; H. W. Karcher, No. 59; J. B. Shewell, No. 69; I. Dickinson, No. 81; R. M. M. Morton, No. 91; Jas. W. Carson, No. 121; I. Stillman, No. 130; L. G. Bennett, No. 144; T. K. Amies, No. 155; J. D. Carlisle, No. 186; I. H. Weidner, No. 284; Esaias Rehrig, No. 284; G. A. Milligan, No. 289; R. Taylor, No. 289; I. B. Simpson, No. 289; J. J. Stadiger, No. 295; W. H. Collisson, No. 296; Jas. T. Kirk, No. 297; D. Field, No. 322; F. Taylor, No. 322; J. Given, No. 322; H. Spence, No. 144, Ohio; H. B. Mitchell, No. 182, Kentucky; W. W. Frazer, No. 182, Kentucky; I. Mear, Boston; H. R. Patton, No. 129, Texas; Deputy, B. San Juan, No. 11, Africa.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 11¼ o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, April 4, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: BROS. H. M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. D. C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. L. H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. P. Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. J. M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. D. John Wilson, Sr., G. Marshal. H. L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. Wm. W. Thomson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. Geo. H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. James Hutchinson and Wm. Whitney, Past G. Masters. Alex. M. Lloyd, D. D. G. M.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Floyd, Green, Tallman. No. 3, Skerrett, English, Wester, Brewer, Thomson, Maguire. No. 9, Palmer, Kelly, No. 19, Thomas, Karrick, Murphy, Cummings, McGinnis, Thornley, Griscom. No. 25, Scott, Griscom. No. 51, Bell, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Day, Shindler, Hoopes. No. 59, Coburn, Adams, Saylor. No. 67, Griffith, Rutherford, Bolt, Jas. Hutchinson, Smith, Reese, Wood. No. 71, Levering, Schnider, Jones, Frismuth. No. 72, White, Phillips, Ashton, Hoffman, Williams. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, Mustin, S. C. Perkins, Mallery. No. 114, Morrell, Thomson, Clark, Stokley. No. 115, Adams, Leigh, Beenken, McCloud, Schaeffer, Heylin. No. 121, Prevost,

Keyser, Warner, Peterson. No. 125, Remak, Muckle, Maag. No. 126, Nisbet, Whetham, Bell, Widner. No. 130, Strickland, Sutter, Vanhouten, Giller, Lescure, Riley. No. 131, Moore, Miller, Alkins. No. 134, King, Becker, Roney, Murphy, Williamson. No. 135, Dykes, Eberhart. No. 155, Martin, Woodbury, Masson. No. 158, Jones, Junk, Wills, Reneker, Weatherby. No. 186, Boswell, Russell, Hufty, Brown, Scattergood. No. 187, Purves, Loeser, Parsons, Cree. No. 230, Christian. No. 246, Randall, Jones. No. 254, Seger. No. 271, Neall, Mayer, Atkinson. No. 274, Pedrick, Goddard. No. 282, Lloyd. No. 283, Wetherill. No. 289, Martin, Moore, White, Davis. No. 295, Coleman, Gilpin.

Proxies: No. 106, Thomson; Nos. 138, 220, 251, Adams; No. 225, Davenport; No. 226, Riley; No. 265, English; No. 281, Hufty; No. 309, Williamson; No. 317, Skerrett; No. 233, Jas. Hutchinson.

Forty-five Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 62, and By-laws of Lodges Nos. 236, 242, 324 and 326 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 197, appointing Bro. Wm. H. Allen, of Lodge No. 51, Proxy for former Lodge. On motion ordered to be filed and Proxy acknowledged.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 21, 52, 115, 216, 236, 324. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 233 appointing Bro. James Hutchinson as Proxy for said Lodge. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 45 asking permission to take another ballot on the petitions of —— ———. —— ———, and —— ———. On motion permission was granted, provided all the members shall be duly notified thereof.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 126 asking the Grand Lodge to restore to Good Masonic Standing —— ———, a candidate for Initiation and Membership twice rejected. On motion permission to take another ballot was granted, provided the members be duly notified.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 138 asking permission to change on the Lodge books the name of Thomas Umpleby to William Umpleby. On motion said request was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 143, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ———. On motion said request was granted, provided all the members shall be duly notified.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 186, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ———. On motion said request was granted, provided all the members shall be duly notified.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 297, asking a remission of Grand Lodge dues for the year 1858. On motion referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Grand Secretary reported that General Returns for the year 1858 are yet wanting from the following Lodges: Lodges Nos. 60, 70, 134, 156, 197, 224, 228, 229, 234, 237, 239, 259, 265, 270, 273, 280, 298, 302 and 312.

A communication was read from Bros. M. B. Wheaton, Charles Tingley, Milton Tingley, Oliver Payne and L. P. Chandler, Members of Lodge No. 328, asking the Grand Lodge to substitute Tony Whitney for Worshipful Master of said Lodge in place of Joshua K. Adams, the latter having left the state. On motion referred to Grand Officers with power to act.

The Hall Committee made the following report, which was read, and on motion ordered to be entered and filed:—

NEW MASONIC HALL, CHESTNUT ST.,
PHILAD., Feb. 14, 1859.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

SIRS AND BRETHREN, The Hall Committee respectfully report that since the decease of Bro. Jacob Squibb, the late janitor of the Hall, they have rescinded the regulation permitting visitors to view the Hall every day in the week, and have selected Monday of each week between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. for such purpose; excepting to visitors from the country who cannot remain in the city, who can procure tickets from the Grand Officers, or any of the Hall Committee which will enable them to visit the Hall any day in the week, Sunday excepted. They also report having directed the Grand Tyler to employ a laborer to do the work about the Hall under the supervision of the Hall Committee, at a compensation not exceeding four hundred dollars per annum. All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Hall Committee.

(Signed) JOSEPH MOORE, *Chairman.*

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully report, that in accordance with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon they examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on the $110,000 Loan.

Balance on hand per last report	$631 50
Appropriation received since	3,136 50
Total to pay interest	$3,768 00
Paid since December 2, '58 per receipt book	3,348 00
Remaining in hands of Grand Secretary	$420 00

Which agrees with his books and is correct.

Also the payments of interest on the $41,000 Loan, as follows:

Amount on hand, report December, 1858	$316 50
Paid since per receipt book	316 50

The whole of the interest due on this Loan has been called for and paid.

The Hall Committee presented their accounts and vouchers from December 7, 1858, up to the 14, February, 1859, which were examined and found correct, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $623.24.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Peter Williamson, presented his accounts made up to the 14, February inclusive, which were examined and found correct, showing Receipts and Payments as follows:

Received:

Balance from last account	$3,805 80	
D. D. G. Masters for dispensations	721 50	
Rents of stores	3,125 01	
Dues from Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c	9,595 53	
		$17,247 84

He has made the following payments:

Traveling expenses D. D. G. M., &c	$531 79	
Orders Hall Committee	612 49	
Bills for printing	321 35	
To pay interest on $110,000 Loan	3,136 50	
G. Secty. salary and expenses	402 00	
J. Notman, architect, order G. M	1,000 00	
Orders, G. Master expenses, &c	59 00	
G. Treas. office expenses, postage, stationery, &c...	19 42	
Balance remaining on hand	11,165 29	
		$17,247 84

The Committee then examined the account of Bro. Wm. English, President of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1857, presented by him to the Grand Lodge and referred to your Committee on the 6th December, 1858. They compared the account with the vouchers and find it correct and that the balance of $582.16 was on deposit on the 20 May, 1858, in the Six Penny Saving Fund as stated in the account.

The Committee then examined the account for the quarter ending Feb. 15, of W. English, Pres. Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1859, compared it with his vouchers and find it correct. Balance on hand $408.96.

The Committee also examined the investments of the fund, consisting of certificates of Loan and a Bond and Mortgage which agreed with the account as rendered amounting to $10,850.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, MICHL. NISBET,
JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBT. CLARK.
FRED. LENNIG,

PHILAD., Feb. 24, 1859.

The following Report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved, and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully report, on the application of Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, Germantown, asking a loan from the Grand Lodge of $300. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that in view of the heavy responsibilities of the Grand Lodge, the large amount of loans yet remaining unpaid, the application of Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, Germantown, for a loan be respectfully declined. Which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBT. CLARK,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHILAD., March 17, 1859.

The Committee of Finance having made report on the accounts of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and there appearing to be no report on the accounts for the year 1858, the question was asked why this was omitted; upon which the Chairman of the Committee of Finance read several communications that had passed between the present President of the Trustees and the President for the year 1858, from which it appeared that an effort had been made to procure the accounts for 1858 from the Trustees of that year but without success. This elicited considerable discussion when on motion of Bro. Samuel C. Perkins the following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1858 be and they are hereby required to present to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication a report of their proceedings and the state of the fund for that year. The Committee of Finance further reported as follows: The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report: on the application of Clarion Lodge, No. 277, for a remission of Grand Lodge dues for 1857 and 1858 referred to them by the Grand Lodge at their last communication. That after a careful examination they are of the opinion that the finances of Lodge No. 277, are in a tolerably good condition and it needs only a little economy and prudent management to free them entirely from debt without the assistance of the Grand Lodge. By their statement they possess property that cost over $1,000 whereas their indebtedness amounts to only $200 of which $115 are due the Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Clarion Lodge, No. 277, for a remission of dues be declined. Which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBT. CLARK,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHILAD., March 17, 1859.

The Committee of Finance further reported as follows:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully report: on the application of Eureka Lodge, No. 290, West

Greenville, for a remission of Grand Lodge dues which was also referred. After consideration the Committee are of the following opinion: Whereas, Eureka Lodge, No. 290, W. Greenville, is a young and struggling Lodge we recommend to the Grand Lodge to remit the dues antecedent to 1858, amounting to $64, provided the dues for 1858 amounting to $30, are promptly paid. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHILAD., March 17, 1859.

The following Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans was read and approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Grand Secretary as Secretary of the Masonic Loan, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Trustees, Dec. 1, 1858, respectfully submits the following statement of their proceedings during the past year, as per account of P. Williamson, Esq., Treasurer, up to November 25, 1858. Also a statement of the whole amount of investments made up to same date, with a view of showing the reduction of the debt on the Loans ordered by the Grand Lodge.

Peter Williamson, Esq., in account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.

1858.	DR.	Interest.	
Feb. 24.	Cash pd. W. H. Adams, G. Secty. am't. of interest due up to Jan. 1, 1858, on $11,700 of the Masonic Loans purchased by the Trustees at different periods previous to that date.....	$393 00	
Mar. 25.	Cash, order of the G. Master on P. Williamson, Esq., G. Treas....	.....	$6,174 00
" 31.	do. do. do.	.....	2,000 00
Apr. 27.	do. do. do.	.....	390 00
May 22.	W. H. Adams, G. Secty. being the interest due up to April 1, on 4 certificates of Loan, amounting to $6,000, purchased Mar. 25, from the Penn. M. L. Ins. Co.....	180 00	
July 23.	Cash, order of the G. Master on P. Williamson, Esq., G. Treas.....	.....	500 00
Aug. 31.	do. do. do. ...	.....	505 00
Sept. 1.	do. do. do. ...	.....	505 00
Sept. 21.	do. do. do. ...	.....	4,000 00
	Interest.....	.....	573 00
			$14,647 00

1858.	Cr.	Interest.	
Mar. 25.	Cash paid Penn. M. L. Ins. Co. for 4 certificates of Masonic Loan held by said Co. and falling due on 1 April next, Nos. 33, 35, 36, and 47, 2d Loan	.....	$6,000 00
	Interest	$174 00	
Apr. 1.	Philad. Fire and Life Ins. Co. for certificate M. Loan No. 72, 2d Loan,	.....	350 00
" 1.	Trustees of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, for certificate No. 71, 2d Loan....	.....	150 00
" 1.	Ferris Price, for certificate No. 34 2d Loan.....		1,000 00
" 2.	Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 155, for certificate No. 32, 2d Loan.....	.....	500 00
" 27.	R. P. King for certificate No. 16, 2d loan for $150 @ 97½.....$146 25 Do. certificate No. 214 1st loan for $250 @ 97½..... 243 75	.....	390 00
May 15.	Jas. B. Chandler for acct. book.....	.....	2 50
July 23.	Jos. Moore for certificate No. 121...	.....	500 00
Aug. 31.	P. R. Howard " " No. 212...	5 00	500 00
Sept. 1.	Est. of Isaac Hacker for certificate No. 72.....	5 00	500 00
Oct. 1.	Sanderson & Son for certificate No. 38, 2d loan.....	.....	1,500 00
" 7.	Wm. Conrad for certificate No. 195, 1st loan.....	8 12	500 00
" 9.	Philad. F. & L. Ins. Co. for certificate No. 22, 2d loan.....	.....	500 00
" 9.	Philad. F. & L. Ins. Co. for certificate No. 45, 2d loan.....	.....	1,000 00
" 9.	Philad. F. & L. Ins. Co. for certificate No. 46, 2d loan.....	.....	1,000 00
	Interest	.....	192 12
			$14,584 62
	Balance	.....	62 38
			$14,647 00

By the terms of the act. of the Grand Lodge creating the Loan of $110,000 the Grand Lodge authorized the Trustees of the new Masonic Loan to require the Grand Treasurer at the end of every three months to report to the Grand Master the amount of moneys remaining in his hands, whereupon it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to draw an order in favor of the Grand Treasurer, as Treasurer

of the Board of Trustees for the whole amount of such moneys except so much of the same as shall be necessary for punctually discharging the taxes of the Lot and new Hall thereon to be erected, the interest upon the loan and other necessary expenditures of the Grand Lodge; and the Masonic faith and honor of the Grand Lodge are hereby solemnly pledged in addition to the security hereafter proposed for the punctual discharge of the said taxes as the same shall severally accrue and become payable, and also for the faithful payment into the hands of the Trustees all such moneys as shall remain in the Treasury after paying off said taxes and interest and other necessary expenditures of the said Grand Lodge. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest from time to time all such moneys as shall be paid to them in manner aforesaid in some safe and productive stocks or other available securities and also to invest in like manner all such interest and dividends as they may from time to time receive thereon, and to continue such investments with care and promptitude for the purpose of accumulating a fund sufficient to redeem and discharge the whole amount of the proposed Loan. Unless at any time the holder or holders of any number of shares should be willing to receive the amount of the same, then in such case the Trustees may appropriate the whole or any part of the funds in hands to that purpose, so as to reduce gradually the said Loan, until the whole debt shall be discharged. And in accordance therewith the Trustees have cancelled the said amount of $5,450 purchased by them and reduced the Loan to that extent. The amounts of the second Loan of the Grand Lodge for $41,000 purchased by them being $20,650 are held by them as investments pursuant to the terms of their trust.

STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE INVESTMENTS BY THE TRUSTEES IN THE MASONIC LOANS, UP TO NOVEMBER 25, 1858.

Invested in the one hundred and ten thousand dollars Loan.

1857.					
Feb.	7.	Certificate	No. 223	$500 00	
"	7.	"	" 224	500 00	
"	7.	"	" 225	300 00	
Apr.	10.	"	" 217	500 00	
"	10.	"	" 218	500 00	
"	10.	"	" 250	100 00	
"	10.	"	" 251	100 00	
"	10.	"	" 252	100 00	
"	10.	"	" 253	100 00	
"	23.	"	" 91	300 00	
May	16.	"	" 226	200 00	
1858.					
Apr.	27.	"	" 214	250 00	
July	23.	"	" 217	500 00	
Aug.	31.	"	" 212	500 00	
Sept.	1.	"	" 72	500 00	
Oct.	7.	"	" 195	500 00	
					$5,450 00

Invested in the forty-one thousand dollars loan:

1857.					
Feb.	7.	Certificate	No. 40	$400 00	
"	7.	"	" 43	1,500 00	
May	20.	"	" 39	1,350 00	
"	30.	"	" 41	500 00	
June	30.	"	" 21	50 00	
"	30.	"	" 55	2,000 00	
July	6.	"	" 48	500 00	
Oct.	13.	"	" 52	500 00	
Dec.	4.	"	" 14	1,700 00	
1858.					
Mar.	25.	"	Nos. 33, 35, 36, 47	6,000 00	
Apr.	1.	"	No. 72	350 00	
"	1.	"	" 71	150 00	
"	1.	"	" 34	1,000 00	
"	2.	"	" 32	500 00	
Apr.	27.	"	" 16	150 00	
Oct.	1.	"	" 38	1,500 00	
"	9.	"	" 22	500 00	
"	9.	"	" 45	1,000 00	
"	9.	"	" 46	1,000 00	
					$20,650 00
					$26,100 00

Whole amount of Loans		$151,000 00
Amt of $110,000 Loan purchased	$5,450 00	
" " $41,000 " "	20,650 00	
		26,100 00
Amount yet to be paid		$124,900 00

NOTE.—Of the $41,000 Loan held by the Trustees
$1,500 fell due April 1, 1857.
9,000 " " " 1858.
6,350 will fall due April 1, 1860.
24,150 " " " " 1865.

This year, so far, there has been purchased of the $41,000 Loan $200 and of the $110,000 Loan $9,100 which reduces the debt to $115,600.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ADAMS, *Secretary, Board of Trustees.*

The following report of the Grand Officers was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Grand Officers respectfully beg leave to report, that they have considered the several applications submitted to them, and have

granted warrants for new Lodges, as follows: Craft Lodge, No. 329, to be held at Greensboro', Greene Co.; Salem Lodge, No. 330, to be held at Salem, Wayne Co.; Ligonier Lodge, No. 331, to be held at Ligonier, Westmoreland Co.; Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, to be held at Plymouth, Luzerne Co.; Barger Lodge, No. 333, to be held at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Union Lodge, No. 334, to be held at Bradford, McKean Co. They have also considered the following resolution passed by the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund: *Resolved*, that a resident of another State who has not contributed to a subordinate Lodge within three years shall not be entitled to aid from this fund, unless at some previous time he has been a member of a Lodge under this jurisdiction (to conform to Sec. 7, Ahiman Rezon, page 10.) It is the opinion of the Grand Officers that there is nothing in said resolution that conflicts with the will of Stephen Girard and beg leave to offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the foregoing resolution of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILAD., April 4, 1859.

The R. W. Grand Master announced that he had the happiness to inform the Brethren that the difficulties for some time existing between the Grand Lodge of New York and this Grand Lodge have been amicably adjusted. The Grand Secretary then read the following Proclamation:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1, A. L. 5859.

By the Most Worshipful John L. Lewis, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.

To the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York, and all others whom it may concern, Greeting:

WHEREAS, on the fifth day of August, 5857, an Edict was issued by me, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York forbidding and interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the Lodges and Brethren in the State of Pennsylvania for reasons therein assigned; which edict was to remain in force and effect only until the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New York by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and WHEREAS, the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did, on the twentieth day of December last past, in a truly Masonic spirit, and in the most fraternal and courteous manner, and on a fraternal interchange of opinions and feelings between the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the respective jurisdictions, adopt certain resolutions recognizing the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and in effect restoring the ancient friendly relations existing between the said Grand Lodges and the Craft in their respective jurisdictions: Now therefore know

ye that the aforesaid Edict forbidding and interdicting Masonic intercourse between the Lodges and Brethren under the respective jurisdictions of New York and Pennsylvania is hereby revoked and annulled and is of no further force or effect; and the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York upon which said edict was founded, is in like manner declared to be inoperative and void, as the conditions upon which the said resolution was passed, have been removed in manner as aforesaid; and we do hereby, as you are directed and required to do, cordially extend to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and to the Lodges and Brethren under its jurisdiction, the right hand of fellowship, and WHEREAS, at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the subject matter of our relations with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada was referred to the Grand Officers with full powers to act in the premises; and WHEREAS, at a subsequent meeting of said Grand Officers, such action was taken as fully to recognize the said M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Lodges and Brethren under its jurisdiction; Now therefore know ye further, that we do in like manner recognize and acknowledge the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada as regular and lawful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and the Lodges and Brethren under its jurisdiction as regular Lodges and regular and highly esteemed Masonic Brethren; and we request you in like manner to extend to them as we do now, the right hand of fellowship.

Witness my hand and private seal at the place and on the day and year first above written.

JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., *Grand Master.*

Attest: JAMES M. AUSTIN, *Grand Secretary.*

N. B. Masters of Lodges in this Jurisdiction will read the foregoing before their respective Lodges at the next Communication after the same is received.

The Grand Secretary also read the following proclamation:

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING."

PHILADELPHIA, March 21, A. L. 5859.

By the Right Worshipful Henry M. Phillips,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of Pennsylvania.

To the Masonic Fraternity of the State of Pennsylvania and all others whom it may concern, Greeting:

Having received official information that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York has issued his proclamation revoking and annulling and declaring of no further force and effect the edict issued by him on the 5th of August, 5857, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New

York forbidding and interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the Lodges and Brethren in the State of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Lodges of the two States having through their respective Committees of Correspondence effectually removed all subjects of difference heretofore existing betwen the Grand Lodges and Brethren of those States whereby the former fellowship and harmony ought to and may be revived. Now therefore in pursuance of the authority to us belonging, we do hereby declare and make known to you, that all obstacles to the free intercourse and communication between the Masons of New York and yourselves has been removed; and we do hereby most cordially extend to the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York and to the Lodges and Brethren under its jurisdiction the right hand of fellowship and we direct you to do likewise; and you are hereby enjoined and required to receive the Brethren of that State who are in Good Masonic Standing, in like manner as you receive Brethren hailing from other jurisdictions in fellowship and friendship and to extend to them the rights and privileges to which their Masonic position entitles them.

Witness the hand and private seal of the Grand Master at the place and on the day and year first above written.

(Signed) HENRY M. PHILLIPS, *Grand Master.*

Attest: WM. H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

Masters of Lodges in this jurisdiction will read the foregoing before their respective Lodges at the next Communication after the same is received.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was read and approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 62, be approved. The word "adjournment" be stricken from Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 236, and the word "order" substituted; that from Art. XII, the word "twice" be stricken out and the word "once" substituted; that from Art. XIII, all after the words "such notice" be stricken out and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, provided due notice shall be given him of the time fixed for the proposed action of the Lodge;" that from Art. XVIII, the words "two-thirds" be stricken out and "a majority" substituted; that to the Rules of Order the following be added: "The foregoing rules may be dispensed with by the presiding officer, should he deem it expedient," and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Sec. 2, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 242, after the word "six" the words "and a half" be stricken out; that after the word "purpose" in Sec. 1, Art. IV, be inserted as follows: "in the form required by the Ahiman Rezon;" that after the words "three Master Masons" in same Section be inserted, "members of this Lodge;" that the words "ten dollars upon

conferring each degree" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. V, and the following substituted: "the balance on receiving the first degree;" that the words "for the degree when taken" be stricken from Sec. 2, same Article, and the words "in advance" substituted; that all after the words "succeeding St. John's day" be stricken from Sec. 5, Art. VI, and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, provided due notice shall be given him of the time fixed for the proposed action of the Lodge," and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Sec. 1, Art. I, of By-laws of Lodge No. 324, the figure "7" be stricken out, and the figure "6" inserted; that the figures "7½" be stricken from same Section and "7" substituted; that all after the word "election" be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. II; that all after the word "admitted" be stricken from Sec. 5, Art. IV, and the following substituted: "No Mason who is not a member of any Lodge shall be permitted to visit this Lodge more than once;" that Sec. 1, Art. VI, be stricken out and the following substituted: "The dues shall be fifty cents a month or six dollars a year for each member and shall be collected in open Lodge;" that all after the word "suspended" be stricken from Sec. 3, same article, and the following substituted: "or expelled, due notice being given him of such arrears and of the time fixed for the proposed action of the Lodge," and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Art. 1, of By-laws of Lodge No. 326, the figure "7" be stricken out and "6" substituted and that the figure "8" be stricken from the same Article and "7" substituted; that the words "the presiding officers of the Grand Lodge always and visiting Brethren on their first visit excepted" be stricken from Art. VI; that all in the same Section between the words "default thereof" and "or unless" be stricken out and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, provided due notice be given him of said arrears and of the time fixed for the proposed action of the Lodge;" that after the word "committee" in Art. X, be inserted the words "of three Master Masons, members of this Lodge;" that after the word "writing" in Art. XI, be inserted "in the form required by the Ahiman Rezon;" that all after the word "application" in same Article be stricken out and the following substituted: "and the balance on receiving the first degree;" that the first clause of Art. XII, ending with the words "to the balloting box" be stricken out; that all after the words "Grand Lodge" be stricken from same article; that the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XVIII, and "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. Respectfully submitted.

PHILAD., April 4, 1859.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina and Phillips G. L. of New York; also a list of Officers of G. Lodge of Louisiana. On motion referred to Committee of Correspondence.

The report of the Committee on Landmarks in relation to Lodge No. 114 and Bro. —— ——— was recalled and on motion referred back

to the Committee on Landmarks with instructions to report a form of certificate to be given to those who have been placed in good standing in their Lodge and afterwards have been rejected for membership.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 134, asking this Grand Lodge to determine the appeal of —— ——— from the action of said Lodge. On motion the Committee on said appeal were instructed to report at next Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Remak offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted: *Resolved*, that the coal and gas used by the Grand Tyler in the Masonic Hall be hereafter chargeable to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Muckle offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted: *Resolved*, that the Hall Committee be authorized to fit up the East Committee Room in such a manner as to make it available for Committee or other meeting purposes, and at such a rate of rent as they may deem adequate.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9 hours and 50 minutes o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. D. C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Michael Nisbet, D. G. Secty. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. D. J. Loudenslager, G. Marshal. H. L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and William W. Thomson, Gr. Stewards. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Randall, Read, Perkins, Barger, Page, Whitney, Bournonville, Hutchinson, Past G. Masters.

Dist. Dep. G. Masters, Bros. Lamberton, Bull, Craft, Pollock.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Floyd, Mosely. No. 3, Martin, Florence, Thomson, Skerrett, Wester, Maguire, English. No. 9, Kelly, Burnell. No. 19, Hodges, Griscom, Masters, Thomas, Cummings. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott, Keim. No. 45, Pollock, Herdman, Adair. No. 51, Read, Allen, Johnston, Whitney, Howell, Thomson. No. 52, Hoopes, Ferguson, Wilson, Sr. and Jr. No. 59, Macpherson, Adams, Taylor, Gibson, Coburn. No. 67, Griffith, Smith, Field, Baugh, Rutherford, Bolt, Loudenslager, Wood, Reess, Martien, J. Hutchinson. No. 71, Schnider, Jones, Levering, Frismuth. No. 72, Hoffman, White, Williams, Potter, Thompson, Ashton, Barger, Phillips. No. 81, Davis, Piper. No. 91, Connolly, Samuel H. and Samuel C. Perkins. No. 108, Bull. No. 114, Stokley, Clark, Thomson, Morrell. No. 115, Heimberger, Black, Leigh, Suplee, Adams. No. 121, Peterson, Vaux, Keyser,

Warner, Hall, Prevost, Foering. No. 125, Bournonville, Remak, Garrigues, Muckle, Maag. No. 126, Bell, Nisbet, Simpson, Page. No. 130, Riley, Young, Strickland, Easby, Sutter, Lescure, Brown. No. 131, Penrose, Alkins. No. 134, Becker, Williamson, Roney. No. 155, Curtis, Woodbury, Miller, Martin, Waters, Masson. No. 158, Shields, Oliver, Wills, Reneker, Funk. No. 164, Creigh. No. 186, Stevenson, Russell, Begley, Boswell, Scattergood. No. 187, Albertson, Cree, Russell, Zimmerman, Parsons. No. 211, Wright, Dorlan, Hall, Rice, Cartwright, Page. No. 227, Durrell, Rauch. No. 230, Mather, Brittain, Christian, Gicker. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly, Struthers. No. 246, Wildey, Randall, Jones, Masson. No. 261, Wright. No. 271, Reinstine, Neal, Brown. No. 274, Goddard, Sears, Letford, Dechert. No. 279, Craft. No. 289, Gwyn, Phillips, White, Martin. No. 295, Coleman, Yerkes, Sinexon. No. 322, Jones. No. 324, Dewees, Dent.

Proxies: No. 106, Thomson; No. 220, Adams; No. 226, Riley; No. 232, Hutchinson; No. 251, Adams; No. 286, Vaux; No. 294, Vaux; No. 304, Thompson; No. 309, Williamson; No. 317, Skerrett.

Fifty-four Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7 h. 25 m. o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held March 7, were read and approved.

The minutes of the Extra Communication, held April 4, were read and approved.

Copies of By-laws of Lodges Nos. 59, 164, 263, 322 and 327; and Amendments to By-laws of Lodges Nos. 134 and 220 were received and referred to Committee on By-laws.

An application for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Factoryville, was read and on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 22, appointing Bro. James Page proxy for said Lodge. On motion communication was received and Bro. Page acknowledged as proxy.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 52, 60, 75, 125, 130, 131, 143, 164, 186, 220, 230, 238, 273, 274, 281, 289 and 324. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 72, asking permission to dispense with the Stated meetings in July and August. On motion, granted, and that the same privilege be granted to any Lodge meeting in this Hall.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 221, in relation to certain charges preferred against a Bro. ——— and the action of said Lodge thereon. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 222, asking permission to take another ballot for —— ———, an applicant for initiation and membership. On motion, granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot is to be taken.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 291, asking permission to take another ballot for —— ———, a rejected applicant for initia-

tion and membership. On motion, granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot is to take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 323, appointing Bro. Peter Williamson Proxy for said Lodge. On motion ordered to be filed and Proxy acknowledged.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 143, remonstrating against the practice of Lodges in Maryland in making Masons of residents of Pennsylvania with copies of correspondence on the subject between said Lodge No. 143, and Lodge No. 84 of Maryland. On motion referred to Committee of Correspondence, who are hereby authorized to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Maryland on the subject.

Communications were read from Lodge No. 237, asking remission of Grand Lodge dues and settlement of accounts. On motion referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 242, asking permission to Pass and Raise —— ———, who had been rejected in Lodge No. 238. On motion request was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287, asking permission to raise —— ———, who had been rejected in Lodge No. 45. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals to report the facts in the case.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 295, asking a dispensation to elect a Senior Warden. On motion laid on the table.

The following amendment to Section 2, Article III, of the Rules of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read and on motion adopted. Strike out all after the "classes" in the 3d line, to the word "January" in the 12th line, inclusive, and insert as follows: The first class to serve from the first Thursday after their appointment to the last Thursday of March; the second class, from the last Thursday of March to the last Thursday in June; the third class, from the last Thursday in June to the last Thursday in September; and the fourth class from the last Thursday in September to the Thursday next after St. John's Day then next ensuing.

The following report of the Comittee on Landmarks was read, and the resolution attached adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was recommitted their report on the communication of the Officers of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, relative to the case of Bro. —— ———, late a member of said Lodge, have carefully re-examined the subject and submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the form of a Lodge certificate to be given to a Brother who after suspension or expulsion has been regularly and legally placed in Good Masonic Standing, shall be as follows, to wit: This is to certify that Bro. —— ——— late a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, has ceased to be a member thereof, and is in Good Masonic Standing. Therefore we, the officers of said

Lodge do grant him this certificate, and we do cordially recommend him to the kind consideration of the fraternity throughout the world.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this ——— day of ———, 18—, A. L. 58—.

——— ———, W. M.

[SEAL] ——— ———, S. W.

——— ———, J. W.

Attest:

——— ———, *Secretary.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read, and the resolution attached adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully report: on the application of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, asking a remission of Grand Lodge dues for the years 1855, 1856, 1857, amounting to $287 which was referred to this Committee. It appears that Kittanning Lodge, is indebted to the Grand Lodge in the sum of $495.53. They urge various reasons why this indebtedness has accumulated to this amount, declare their inability to pay it, and assert that unless relieved the Lodge must disband. We therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that on the payment by Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars at any time within three months from this date, the balance of their indebtedness amounting to $245.53 be remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBT. CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, JOHN L. GODDARD.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23, 1859.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and the resolution attached adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully report on the application of Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, Canonsburg, asking remission of dues for 1858, amounting to sixty-four dollars. This Lodge appears to have managed their finances with prudence and economy and their embarrassments to have arisen from the necessity they were under of fitting up and furnishing their Lodge room. The Committee think that with a continuance of the same good management and prudent economy they will be enabled to meet their liabilities without the necessity of assistance from any source. They therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, Canonsburg, asking remission of dues for 1858 be declined. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBT. CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, JOHN L. GODDARD.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present the following Quarterly Report: they have examined and vouched the accounts of Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer, for the quarter ending May 14, 1859, and find it correct showing receipts and payments as follows:

RECEIVED.

Balance last account	$11,165 29	
From Lodges, Chapters, &c	5,937 86	
Warrants new Lodges	324 00	
Fees, office of Grand Secretary	178 00	
Rents of stores	2,916 70	
Returned by tax Collector on adjustment of assessment on Hall	497 33	
		$21,019 18

PAID.

On orders Hall Com	$596 39	
" " " to pay taxes	1,868 25	
" " Grand Master	80 11	
W. English, Prest. Tr. G. L. C. Fund	720 00	
G. Secretary to pay interest	1,230 00	
" salary and expenses	386 50	
Trustees Masonic Loan	10,500 00	
Balance on hand	5,637 93	
		$21,019 18

The Hall Committee presented their account and vouchers made up to date which were examined and found correct showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $2,453.89.

Bro. Wm. English, Prest. Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund presented his accounts with vouchers for the quarter ending May 14, 1859, which were examined and found correct, as follows:

Balance last account	$408 96	
Received since	982 00	
		$1,390 96
Paid order Grand Master to Board of Almoners	$300 00	
Invested in City 6%'s	810 00	
Balance in Saving Fund	280 96	
		$1,390 96

The Grand Secretary then presented his accounts for payment of interest on Masonic Loans; but as the payments had been so few in number and small in amount the Committee concluded to defer reporting them until the termination of the next quarter. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBT. CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

The Committee of Appeals made the following report which was read, and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that in the matter of the appeal of —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 187, he being rejected by that Lodge, and it being distinctly understood that the party casting the black ball would not further oppose the admission of the candidate, they submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 187 be allowed to take another ballot on the application of —— ——— for initiation.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read and resolution adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, that in the matter of the appeal of ——— ———, from the action of Temple Lodge, No. 248, rejected by a single ballot, they have under the circumstances concluded to submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 248 be instructed that she has the right to hold a second ballot on the application of —— ——— for initiation.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read and resolution adopted:

To the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that it appearing on an examination of the books of Lodge No. 271, that neither —— nor —— ——— was expelled from said Lodge there was nothing for the Committee to act on in the matter of the appeals by these brethren. They therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of these appeals.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that after a careful examination of the facts and application of settled principles in the case of the appeal of —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 131, suspending him for the non-payment of dues, they do not find anything in the proceedings of said Lodge not in accordance with masonic law, and report the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

Resolved, That the suspension by Lodge No. 131, of —— ——— for non-payment of dues be and the same is hereby sustained. Bro. Riley moved to lay the resolution on the table for the present which motion was lost. Bro. Riley then offered the following substitute, as an amendment which was adopted: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 131, erred in her action in the case of Bro. —— ———, in not giving him further time as they had abundant personal security of the most responsible kind for the payment of his dues in good season, in the persons of Bro. Joseph H. Thompson and Bro. E. R. Taggert, members of the Lodge. Therefore, *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 131, are hereby directed to restore Bro. —— ——— to his former position in said Lodge, his dues having been since paid. The resolution as amended was then on motion, adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that in the case of —— ——— suspended for non-payment of dues by Waverly Lodge, No. 301, they do not discover in the action of the Lodge any thing to object to, but regard the appellant himself as being in fault. They offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the suspension of —— ——— by Lodge No. 301, be and the same is hereby sustained.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania.

The report of the Committee on Appeals respectfully sets forth that in the matter of the complaint of Bro. —— ——— against the course of proceeding by Lodge No. 106, on the application and election of —— ——— they find the Brother sustained by the facts and regret that there was not a stricter observance of Masonic Law. The action of the Lodge on the application was clearly irregular. The substitution of the names of two brethren in place of two who had been appointed at the previous Stated Meeting (then out of the state) and allowing the two thus appointed to unite with one of the three originally named on making an immediate favorable report, tended clearly to defeat the object had in view in the reference of the character of the candidate for investigation. The rejection happened on Oct. 4, 1858. That same night a motion for a second ballot and at the Stated Meeting in November, 1858, was adopted, but the ballot was not taken till the stated meeting in Jan. 1859. The Ahiman Rezon, page 35, provides expressly "that the ballot so allowed shall be taken at the next Stated Meeting after the adoption of such motion," that is for a re-ballot. Here the ballot instead of being had at the stated meeting in December was postponed to the Stated Meeting in January, clearly irregular. There were three

spotted balls found in the box. If there was an objection in time to these balls being counted as white balls, the W. M. should have ordered another ballot. It appears from the statement of the J. W. and other members that soon as the W. M. announced that these balls were in the box and supposed they had been thrown in by mistake for white ones, Bro. ——— objected that there were too many of them for mistake, and if there was a doubt there ought to be another ballot, which was refused by the W. M., he stating that if any brother had voted one for a black ball he should say so. The W. M. states that those balls had before been used and counted as white balls, and that no objection was made until after the candidate was in the preparing room, and then the brother stated that to his knowledge the spotted or striped balls were intended for black balls. The candidate was duly Initiated, notwithstanding the exceptions taken. As these acts are now past being recalled, the Committee submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the substitution of the names of two of the brethren of Lodge No. 106, on a Committee of Inquiry in place of two who were absent from the state and the committee reporting on the night of their appointment, holding a ballot, on the motion for a new ballot in the case of Bro. ———, in the month of January, 1859, and not in December, 1858, and not having a re-ballot when there was a doubt as to the balls being all white, was irregular and unmasonic.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

The following Report of the Committee on Appeals was read and approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the communication from Columbia Lodge, No. 286, referred by the Grand Lodge for their action, touching the decision of this Committee and the Grand Lodge, in the case of Bro. —— ———. The tone of this communication is discourteous and unmasonic. The Committee in the conscientious discharge of its duty after a full and careful review of the case of Bro. ——— reported to the Grand Lodge the result of its labors and accompanied that report by a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, and from that time it was the duty of Lodge No. 286, and Keystone Lodge, and all good Masons to submit to its decision as the Supreme Masonic Power. Instead of doing so Lodge No. 286, on being apprised of the action of the Grand Lodge erects itself into a tribunal to declare what is Masonic Law, and in language which shows more of personal than Masonic feeling, assails the character of the applicant and questions the judgment of the Grand Lodge. Not content with this they address a communication to the Grand Lodge setting forth that their Secretary was directed to write to the Grand Lodge to stay the further advancement of —— ——— in Key-

stone Lodge until they had a hearing in the case. Before this letter is communicated to the Grand Lodge for its action, at the instance of the Grand Secretary, Keystone Lodge suspends its proceedings, and the resolution of the Grand Lodge is defeated. There is no use in deciding a question if it is in the power of any subordinate Lodge or Grand Officer to treat the decree of the Grand Lodge with indifference. The Committee having already passed on the matter there is no further duty for them to perform. They merely state the facts for the information of the Grand Lodge, leaving it to her to vindicate her own dignity and power.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., June 6, 1859.

Bro. English stated that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund had instructed him to submit the following resolution, to wit: *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and they are hereby authorized to invite each Lodge meeting in the City of Philadelphia to appoint two of its members to meet in general committee for the purpose of revising the By-laws which now govern said Fund, so as to adapt them to the views, and commend them to the sanction and support of said Lodges. On motion said resolution was adopted.

The following report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read and the resolution attached adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 1859.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned as Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund *for the year* 1858 respectfully report, at the special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held April 4, 1859, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: "*Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1858, be and they are hereby *required* to present to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication a report of their proceedings, and the state of the Fund for that year." In compliance with the above resolution, Bro. Jno. Wilson, Sr., who had been the Secretary of the Trustees for the year 1858, notified the several Trustees to meet on Tuesday evening, April 12th. Said meeting was attended by Bros. Peter Fritz, John Wilson, Sr., and William English. Bro. Washington Heimberger on account of the severe illness of a near relative and Bro. James Gwyn, who was absent on business in the western states, were prevented from attending. As the management of the Fund had been modeled after the manner of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, the President of the Trustees being the active financial agent of the Trust, Bro. Peter Fritz, having acted as President during the year 1858, was requested to furnish the information required by the above recited resolution. He stated that he was not then prepared to submit a report of the transactions for the past year, but would in a few days prepare a full statement and leave the same

with Bro. Wilson, the former Secretary, when a meeting of the Trustees for that year could be called to act upon it. After waiting from April 12 to May 24 for the report so promised another meeting was called under notice of the latter date, for May 30, allowing the Trustees one week to prepare the information required of them by the Grand Lodge. At that meeting Bros. Wilson, Gwyn, Heimberger and English were present and Bro. Fritz absent. Bro. Wilson presented a note from Bro. Fritz, received that afternoon, in which he stated that his notice for said meeting had only been *opened* that morning, that he had been absent from the city the previous week, that he had not as yet prepared the required report, but would do so in a few days and leave it with Bro. Wilson. But Bro. Fritz having again failed to comply with his promise and having made no record of any of his financial transactions in the books of the Trustees the undersigned have no means by which they can comply in full with the terms of the resolution of the Grand Lodge. They can therefore only furnish the Grand Lodge with such a statement of the receipts and payments on account of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, *for the year 1858*, as tne scope of their information embraces, which statement is hereunto appended. They also submit the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1858 be discharged from the further consideration of the accounts of said Trust for that year, and the report herewith submitted by them be referred to the Committee of Finance with power to take such action in the premises as they may deem expedient.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund *for the year 1858*.

WM. ENGLISH, JAMES GWYN,
WASHN. HEIMBERGER, JOHN WILSON, SR.,
Trustees.

STATEMENT.

Peter Fritz, Pres. Trustees in Account with Grand Charity Fund.

1858.		Dr.	*per Wm. English.*
Jan. 12,	To Cash from	W. Heimberger for Lodge No. 115.....	$123 00
" 26,	"	John Wilson, Sr. " " 52.....	167 00
Mar. 3,	"	Jos. S. Riley " " 130.....	117 00
	"	A. N. Macpherson " " 59.....	35 00
	"	" " 155.....	132 50
	"	N. B. Mosely " " 2.....	172 00
Sept.	"	Enoch Taylor int. on Germantown mortgage.....	100 00
Oct. 4,	"	Wm. M. Shewell int. on Germantown mortgage.....	197 86
	"	W. H. Adams, int. on $9000 G. L. subscription.....	540 00
1858.		Cr.	$1,584 36
Oct. 20.	By Cash paid	P. Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners.	300 00
	Balance due	G. L. Charity Fund.....	$1,284 36

The Committee on By-laws made a report on the By-laws and Amendments to By-laws of the following Lodges, which was read and approved: Lodges Nos. 59, 164, 263, 322, 327, 134, 220.

The following report of the Committee on the Appeal of Bro. ——— was read and the resolution attached adopted:

PHILAD., May 4, 1859.

To the Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to which was referred the appeal of —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 134, would respectfully report that they have carefully investigated the subject as referred to them and are of the opinion that the action of the Lodge should be approved. We therefore offer the following resolution and ask to be discharged: *Resolved*, that the action of Lodge No. 134, on the expulsion of —— ——— be approved.

Respectfully yours,

WM. CURTIS, GEO. P. LITTLE, JOHN U. GILLER, *Committee.*

Bro. Mucklé from the Hall Committee called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the resolution passed April 4, 1859, relative to fitting up the East Room, and stated that as there had been a difference of opinion among the members of the Hall Committee on the subject the opinion of the R. W. Grand Master had been asked. The Grand Master then stated that he had consulted the Grand Officers on the subject, and that they were of opinion that the resolution was ambiguous in its meaning and that in their judgment the revenues of the Grand Lodge might be diminished by fitting up that room in such manner as that it could be used for Lodge purposes, and he had therefore requested the Hall Committee to suspend proceeding under the resolution until further action of the Grand Lodge. Whereupon Bro. Lilly offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Hall Committee be directed to furnish and fit up the East Committee Room for committee purposes only. Bro. Mucklé moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was lost. And the question recurring on Bro. Lilly's resolution it was adopted.

The consideration of the Amendment to Sec. 35 of Ahiman Rezon was postponed to next Quarterly Communication.

On motion duly made and seconded, Keystone Lodge, No. 271, was empowered to proceed in the case of Bro. ——— and raise him to the third degree in Masonry.

Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson,

R. W. D. G. M. D. C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. L. H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. P. Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. W. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. John M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Jas. T. Thomas, J. G. D. J. Loudenslager, G. Marshal. H. L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. W. W. Thompson and G. Parker Cummings, Gr. Stewards. Geo. H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. W. Whitney and Jas. Page, Past G. Masters. H. C. Howell, R. M. Lamberton, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, Martin, Thomson, Maguire, Skerrett, Wester. No. 9, Kelly, Mackay, Palmer, Leech. No. 19, Murphy, Griscom, Cummings, Thomas. No. 21, Lamberton, Muench. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howell. No. 51, Johnston, Allen, Thomson, Bell, Whitney, Lewis. No. 52, Wilson, Ferguson, Day, Shindler. No. 59, Coburn, Taylor, Gibson, Davenport, Macpherson. No. 62, Heller. No. 67, Bolt, Rutherford, Reese, Loudenslager, Wagner, Wood. No. 71, Jones, Schnider, Frismuth. No. 72, Ellis, Phillips, Ashton, Thompson, Williams, White. No. 81, Davis, Piper. No. 91, Mustin, Barry, Perkins, Krider. No. 114, Morrell, Stevenson, Stokley, Thomson. No. 115, Leigh, Heimberger, Woodbury, Adams, Heylin. No. 121, Warner, Lennig, Treadwell, Keyser. No. 125, Garrigues. No. 126, Page, Widner, Miller. No. 130, Chandler, Stokes, Barrett, Strickland, Lescure, Van Houten, Young, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Penrose, Alkins, Squires. No. 134, Roney, Williamson. No. 155, Woodbury, Martin. No. 158, Oliver, Shields, Wills, Funk. No. 186, Boswell, Stevenson, Russell, Hufty, Pollock, Scattergood. No. 187, Cree, Purves, Russell, Wallace, Neill. No. 191, Brown, Zimmerman, Johnson. No. 211, Page, Bennett, Peall, Hall, Cartwright. No. 226, Ely. No. 227, Rauch, McLean. No. 230, Brittain, Christian, Wallace, Graf, Gicker. No. 236, Thomson, Cliff, Holmes. No. 238, McCabe. No. 271, Neal, Atkinson, Brown. No. 256, Moody, McCormick. No. 274, Dechert, Letford, Sears, Pedrick, Goddard. No. 289, Moore, Davis, Phillips, Martin. No. 260, Johnson. No. 294, Reifsnyder. No. 295, Sinexon. No. 296, Roberts. No. 309, Downing. No. 310, Horace and J. W. Royer. No. 281, McConnell. No. 320, Gilds. No. 324, Dent.

Proxies: No. 106, Thomson; Nos. 220, 251, 138, Adams; No. 304, Thompson; No. 317, Skerrett; No. 197, Allen; No. 281, Hufty; No. 22, Whitney; No. 222, Page.

Fifty-eight Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held June 6th, 1859, A. L. 5859, were read and adopted.

Application for new warrants for Lodges to be held in Monongahela City and Gettysburg, Pa., were read and on motion were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A copy of the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 335, was received and on motion was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following communication was received from Lodge No. 246 which was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Committee on Landmarks:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—At a stated meeting of Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, A. Y. M., held on the evening of the 23d August the following was unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, that the following statement and interrogatories be addressed to the R. W. Grand Lodge attested by the Worshipful Master and Secretary. At a Stated Meeting of Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, held Jan. 25th, 5859, —— ——— a candidate for Initiation and Membership was duly balloted for and unanimously approved all the preliminary forms required by Masonic Law and usage first having been complied with. Mr. ——— did not present himself that night for Initiation; on the night of the Stated Meeting of February 22nd, 5859, a member of the Lodge stated to the Worshipful Master, that (owing to certain allegations which had come to his knowledge) he objected to the admission of said —— ———, but declined bringing charges against him before the Lodge. In consequence of this, (although six months have since elapsed) the Worshipful Master does not feel authorized to enter the applicant, but at the same time he is willing to do so, being satisfied that the objection could not stand against an investigation. We respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to decide the following questions as a precedent in similar cases, and for our guidance in this particular one. Should not *all charges* affecting the character of a candidate *after his election* or approval *be made in open Lodge* and in the usual form specifying the particulars? Has not the Worshipful Master the right to enter a candidate after a unanimous ballot, or advance one already entered unless specified charges are brought against the applicant in open Lodge? Is *the mere objection* (whether factious or otherwise) made by a member to the Initiation or advancement of a candidate stated privately to the Worshipful Master, *sufficient to compel* him to stop proceedings when he (the W. M.) is satisfied no valid impediment exists? If a member has the right to arrest proceedings as above stated by *simply objecting, how long a time* should the Lodge be compelled to suspend its action, or await the withdrawal of said objection and *what course of action* should the Lodge take? Can the applicant in the position that —— ——— now occupies, *withdraw* his petition, he having been approved and there being no charge pending against him before the Lodge? All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. K. RANDALL, W. M., ALFRED T. JONES, *Secty.*

PHILADA., August 25th, 5859.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 211 announcing the suspension of —— ———. A communication was also received from Bro. —— ——— complaining of said action of the Lodge, when on motion duly made and seconded, thewhole subject was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A communication was received from Bro. —— ——, complaining of the action of Lodge No. 296 in the case of Bro. —— ——. A communication was also received from Bro. —— —— in relation to the same subject. When on motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was received from Bro. —— ——, in relation to some irregular ballotings in Lodge No. 294, which on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— of Lodge No. 126 in which he complains of the action of Lodge No. 211, Kensington, in relation to a Mr. —— —— an applicant to said Lodge for Initiation and Membership. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A paper was read from a number of members of Milton Lodge, No. 256, setting forth that on the night of the 30th of August last a disastrous fire destroyed the building in which their Lodge was held, together with the Charter, books, papers, furniture, regalia, jewels, ornaments of the Lodge, to the value in money of from 6 to 700 dollars, and asking such aid from the Grand Lodge as they in their peculiar circumstances require. When on motion of Bro. Robert A. Lamberton and duly seconded, the following was unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, that this Grand Lodge deplores the loss sustained by Milton Lodge, No. 256, in the destruction of her books, papers, furniture, jewels, &c., and as an earnest of our sympathies the dues payable by Lodge No. 256, to this Grand Lodge for the current Masonic year be and the same are hereby remitted. On motion made and seconded, the following resolution was also adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, that the preparation of a substitute destroyed or any other necessary paper necessary for a continuance of the labors of said Lodge No. 256 be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from Bro. H. M. Johnson, late D. D. G. Master, making a statement in correction of a report heretofore made to the Grand Lodge was read. On motion duly made and seconded, was ordered on file.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley asked for the reading of the Amendment to the Ahiman Rezon. Upon its being read as originally presented, Bro. H. M. Johnson offered the following Amendment: *Resolved*, that Section 35 of the A. R. Article Wardens, page 29, be so amended that if a P. M. be present in the Grand Lodge he may also represent the other P. M.'s of his Lodge in the same body, provided he shall have their authority to do so with the Seal of the Lodge attached and attested by the Secretary. After being fully discussed the question was put and decided as lost. The question on the Amendment as originally presented was then put and the R. W. G. Master decided that it was not adopted. A very large number of the members voting against it.

The following letter was read, to wit:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN:—Entertaining the highest respect for the Institution of Freemasonry and acknowledging the body of which you are members as the source of Masonic authority and power allow me, an humble member of the Fraternity, to present for your acceptance a picture representing the memorable event in the history of the order in this place "the Burning of the Masonic Hall in the Year 1819."

I have the honor to be fraternally,

MICHAEL GARSON.

On motion of P. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, that the present be accepted and the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Brother for his liberality.

Communications from Lodges Nos. 25, 75, 211, 230, 267, 270, 289, 292, and 300. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 106 asking permission to take a third ballot for —— ——— a rejected applicant for initiation and membership was read. On motion, granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot is to take place.

A communication from Lodge No. 158 was read asking permission to take a third ballot for —— ——— a rejected applicant for Initiation and Membership. On motion, granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot is to take place.

A communication from Lodge No. 227 was read asking permission to take another ballot for —— ——— a rejected applicant for Initiation and Membership. On motion, granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time when such ballot is to take place.

A communication from Lodge No. 283 was read asking the Grand Lodge to restore to Good Masonic Standing —— ——— who had been suspended. On motion said request was granted it being understood that to regain his membership, he must apply as required by the Ahiman Rezon.

The Committee of Finance made the following report:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present their Quarterly Report. They examined and vouched the account of the R. W. Gr. Treas., Bro. Peter Williamson, for the quarter ending August 15, 1859, and found it correct, as follows:

He has received—	
Balance last account	$5,637 93
From Lodges, Encampts., &c	3,360 00
Rent Stores	1,458 36
Fees of D. D. G. M. and G. Secty	254 00
Warrants for New Lodges	162 00
	$10,872 29

Paid—		
Orders of G. M.	$183 50	
Trustees Masonic Loan	2,500 00	
Printing	264 50	
Expenses D. D. G. M.	93 63	
G. Secty. to pay interest	3,136 00	
Do. Salary and Expenses	392 50	
G. Treas. (Postages, &c.)	17 49	
Hall Committee	759 87	
Balance on hand	3,524 80	
		$10,872 29

They examined and vouched the accounts of the Hall Committee from May 26 to Aug. 25 and found them correct showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer of $767.37. They then examined the Grand Secretary's accounts of the payment of Interest on the $41,000 Loan compared the payment with the Receipt Book and found it correct as follows:

Appropriation		$1,230 00
Paid	$448 50	
Balance on hand	781 50	
		1,230 00

Next the account of payment of interest on the $110,000 loan.

Balance remaining on hand	$420 00
Credited for appropriation	3,136 50
Makes a total of	$3,556 50

Amount paid per Receipt Book	$2,494 50	
Balance Cash on hand	1,062 00	
		$3,556 50

In consequence of some unforeseen expenses the Hall Committee will require an additional appropriation for the current year of $700, which your Committee recommend should be granted. We therefore present the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the further sum of seven hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of the Hall Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, FREDERICK LENNIG,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHILA., Aug. 25, 1859.

The reading of the report of the Hall Committee was called, when the following was read:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna., A. Y. M.

BRETHREN:—Your Hall Committee beg leave to submit the following report in relation to circumstances which have increased the expenditures connected with their labors and which will require an additional appropriation of seven hundred dollars to meet the expenses of the current year, to wit: *First.*—Through water which has made its way into the sub-cellars of the New Masonic Hall, and which after a continuous series of examinations, pumping, &c., compelled your Committee ultimately to order the immediate rebuilding of the furnaces to have them in readiness for the approaching cold season. The expenditure connected with this, partly estimated will amount to $400. *Second.*—Through expenses incurred in procuring awnings to ensure the proper ventilation of the Grand and Blue Lodge rooms, also in the complete overhauling of the sky-lights to remedy the great leakage complained of repeatedly by the tenants of the Grand Lodge in addition to the furnishing of the East Committee room, the expense of which will amount to $300. Your Committee respectfully solicit the R. W. G. Lodge for an appropriation of $700 to meet the expenses spoken of above, believing that the amount asked for will cover all the exenditures which may come under the notice of your Committee until the close of the fiscal year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH MOORE, M. R. MUCKLE, A. PURVES, CHARLES FRISHMUTH.

On motion of the Chairman of the Committee of Finance and duly seconded, the resolution offered by said Committee was adopted.

The Committee of Finance made the following report on the account of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for 1858 which was referred to the Finance Committee at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held on the 6th June last:

The Finance Committee respectfully report: it will be remembered by the Grand Lodge that this account set forth an indebtedness to the Fund by the Chairman of the Trustees for that year P. G. M., Bro. —— ——— of the sum of $1,284.36 which he had neglected or omitted to pay over to his successors in office, and also that they had been unable to procure any account from him or any admission of his indebtedness to the fund. Your Committee notified Brother ——— of the reference and requested him to meet with them at their meeting in August, which he did and acknowledged the account to be correct and the balance of $1,284.36 was justly due the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, but that he was unable to pay it at once but gave his note at 4 months from that date payable to his own order and endorsed by him for the amount which has been deposited with the Grand Treasurer for collection, Brother ——— stating his hope and intention of paying the amount within one month from that date. Your Committee believing this to be the best adjustment they could make and that they have done what the reference of the Grand

Lodge required, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The Grand Lodge are aware that the Committee of Finance are a Standing Committee under the Ahiman Rezon and have charge of the Finances of the Grand Lodge and cannot therefore, with propriety, act as a Committee to try cases, or pass an opinion on cases, even of malfeasance or failure to fulfil duty on the part of any one having charge of the Funds of the Grand Lodge, their duty being to enquire and report to the Grand Lodge for their action, should any be necessary or expedient; and as the facts of this case have been so fully set forth to the Grand Lodge a repetition of them would be needless. We therefore in conclusion submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject. All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHITNEY, FREDERICK LENNIG,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHILADA., August 25, 1859.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was adopted: The undersigned committee to whom was referred the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 335, respectfully report, that they have examined the said By-laws and recommend their adoption after striking out of Article 1st, Sec. 1st, the figures 7½ and 7 o'clock and insert the Masonic hours which are 7 o'clock from March to September and 6 o'clock for the other portion of the year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Lodges and on motion were referred to the Committee on foreign correspondence, to wit: From Grand Lodge Alabama, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Pythagoras Lodge, No. 1, N. Y.

On motion the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening to wit: Bros. Daniel Mahony, Hector McIntosh, No. 9; John Rogers, No. 19; Jonathan M. Foltz, No. 43; Wm. Morrow Notson, No. 59; Ezra E. Bratton, Isaiah T. Bossert, No. 71; Thomas Jacobs, Jacob Zimmer, Charles F. Sinexon, No. 114; Mardon Wilson, Jr., No. 115; Theo. Kitchen, No. 121; F. L. Greener, No. 126; Charles Mather, No. 131; Lybanus G. Bennett, No. 144; Michael Garson, Jno. T. Bird, No. 155; James Halberstadt, No. 158; David Schall, Christopher Wychoff, John Z. Coblens, No. 190; Robert Spear, James S. Page, No. 211; Samuel Sutton, Jr., No. 222; Michael Been, Samuel Close, David Dryburg, No. 230; J. M. Garrett, Amos Garside, No. 236; Harry C. Wilson, No. 249; Isaac Lyons, No. 289; Orlando B. Griffith, No. 291; William F. Smith, No. 296; Mark C. Bowlby, No. 324, all of

Pennsylvania. Bros. Rearsen B. Pritchett, Jacob M. Thurston, No. 296, Ohio.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADA., Decr. 5th, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. John M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. D. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. H. L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and William W. Thomson, G. Stewards, George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Anthony Bournonville, William Whitney, William Barger, Jas. Page, J. Randall, James Hutchinson, P. G. Masters. George H. McCabe, Charles M. Howell, A. M. Pollock, George H. Bull, A. M. Lloyd, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman, Floyd, Graham, Blackburn. No. 3, Thomson, Wester, Bilger, Hatfield, Skerrett, Colladay, English, Webb, Brewer, Maguire, King, Leddy. No. 9, Kelly, Palmer Mackay, Leach. No. 19, Thomas, Griscom, Karrick, Hodges, Maginnis, Childs, Goodall. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott, Kinsey, Vanzant, Keim. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Adair, Pollock. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Reed, Bell, O'Neill, Johnson, Workman, Lewis. No. 52, Schindler, Ferguson, Day, Hoopes, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Wood, Ramsey. No. 59, Adams, Jas. and Geo. Taylor, Macpherson, Coburn, Gibson, Campbell, Biltmeyer, Heller, Hawman, Henry, Bell. No. 67, Hemphill, Reese, Davenport, McMullin. No. 61, Lewis. No. 62, Baugh, Declyne, Rutherford, Jas. Hutchinson, Bolt, Wood, Wagner, Loudenslager, Griffiths, Van Osten, Smith, Simpson. No. 71, Snyder, Jones, Weikle, Hutchinson, Frismuth, Bladen. No. 72, Connell, Ashton, Colladay, White, Barger, Phillips, Magrath, O'Harra, Hoffman, Williams, Thompson. No. 81, Piper, Davis. No. 91, Hinchman, Perkins, Mustin. No. 108, Bull. No. 114, Thomson, Clark, Hammell, Stokley, Morrell. No. 115, Heylin, Parker, Leigh, Heimberger, Adams, Black, Wallis, Schaffer. No. 121, Warner, Provost, Keyser, Vaux, Peterson, Treadwell. No. 125, Bournonville, Muckle, Garrigues, Maag, Philip, Remak, Everhart, Batzig. No. 126, Page, Jackson, Bell, Miller, Widner. No. 130, Van Houten, Young, Riley, Strickland, Lescure, Kirkpatrick, Stokes. No. 131, Atkins, Squires, Penrose. No. 134, Williamson, Roney, Becker, Murphy, Ogden, Robbins. No. 135, McCully, Hyneman, Dilks, McGregor. No. 143, Brewer. No. 152, Sweeney, Gwyn, Sample. No. 155, Hedges, Martin, Allen, Woodbury, Curtis, Helm, Bacon, Mason, Miller. No. 158, Shields, Jones, Wills, Funk, Reneker, Weatherby. No. 186, Russell, Gaskill, Hufty, Begley, Barring-

ton, Pollock, Boswell, Smith, Wm. Russell, Stevenson, Scattergood, Little. No. 187, Russell, Parsons, Cree, Frost, Loeser. No. 190, Zimmerman, Richards. No. 211, Cartwright, Page, Lee, Peall, Hall, Dorlan. No. 227, Durell. No. 230, Brittain, Wallace, Christian. No. 236, Holmes. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Otis, Lilly, Huston. No. 246, Jones, Masson, Wildey, Randall. No. 261, Hill. No. 265, Knapp. No. 271, Atkinson, Stevenson, Reinstein, Neall, Mayer. No. 274, Letford, Dechert. No. 282, Lloyd. No. 285, Uhler, Koch. No. 287, Hammond. No. 289, Moore, White, Phillips, Davis. No. 291, Kingsbury. No. 292, Garside, Eckels. No. 294, Reifsnyder. No. 295, Coleman, Sinexon, Yerkes. No. 296, Mehl, Griffiths. No. 300, Miller. No. 307, Oberly. No. 324, Mickey, Dent. No. 326, Herbert. No. 332, Jones.

Proxies: No. 21, Wm. English; No. 22, Wm. Whitney; No. 60, A. Bournonville; No. 106, Wm. Thomson; No. 138, Wm. Adams; No. 144, Gus. Remak; No. 153, Wash. S. Bladen; No. 156, Peter Williamson; No. 163, James Simpson; No. 164, Wm. Barger; No. 199, Henry M. Phillips; No. 216, M. Richards Muckle; No. 218, Harman Baugh; No. 220, Wm. H. Adams; No. 221, A. M. Pollock; No. 222, James Page; No. 225, John M. Davenport; No. 226, Jos. S. Riley; No. 231, Jas. Herdman; No. 232, Jerh. L. Hutchinson; No. 234, Harman Yerkes; No. 237, Wm. Barger; No. 240, William Curtis; No. 241, George Thomson; No. 249, William Barger; No. 250, William H. Adams; No. 253, James Hutchinson; No. 258, Harman Baugh; No. 259, George Smith; No. 260, James Shields; No. 263, William Leach; No. 267, F. Blackburn; No. 268, H. M. Phillips; No. 269, Jas. Ferguson; No. 275, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 278, Wm. Curtis; No. 279, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 281, Geo. W. Hufty; No. 282, William H. Adams; No. 284, H. L. Peterson; No. 286, Richard Vaux; No. 288, Jas. Herdman; No. 294, Richard Vaux; No. 297, William Barger; No. 301, Wm. Leach; No. 304, Daniel Thompson; No. 305, Harman Baugh; No. 308, James Shields; No. 309, Peter Williamson; No. 312, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 317, D. C. Skerrett; No. 330, Harman Baugh.

The following Lodges were represented: No. 61, S. D. Lewis as P. M., voting for the W. M., S. and J. Wardens; No. 238, George H. McCabe, voting for W. M., S. and J. Wardens; No. 265, C. F. Knapp, voting for W. M., S. and J. Wardens; No. 282, Alex. M. Lloyd, voting as W. M., S. and J. Wardens; No. 291, Kingsbury, S. Warden, voting J. Warden.

Fifty-nine Lodges represented by Members and jewels, and fifty-three by Proxy. One hundred and twelve in all.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past six o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication held September 5th, 1859, A. L. 5859 were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 330 appointing Bro. Harman Baugh the Proxy of said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered on file, and Bro. Harman Baugh duly acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren Tellers:

For votes by Members, Bros. Wm. Whitney, C. M. Howell, Jacob Mayer.

For votes by Proxies, Bros. George H. McCabe, George P. Little, Wm. M. Martin.

For votes by Jewels, Bros. Washington Heimberger, George W. Brewer, James Herdman.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot. After report by the Tellers the R. W. G. Master announced the following Brethren elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Bros. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. G. Master; John Thomson, R. W. D. G. Master; David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. Warden; Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer; William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary

Trustees of the New Masonic Loans—Bros. William Badger, Philip R. Howard, William English, James Shields, Frederick Lennig, in connection with the R. W. Grand Officers elect.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest—Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Anthony Bournonville, James Hutchinson, David Boyd, David Jayne.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund—Bros. John Wilson, Sr., Wm. S. Black, Jos. S. Riley, William English, A. N. Macpherson.

The R. W. G. Master stated that several communications had been received from a number of the Members of Lodge No. 247 complaining of the conduct of the Worshipful Master and the irregular proceedings of the Lodge in changing the place of meeting from Mansfield, Tioga Co., to Covington in same County and asking the interference of the Grand Lodge with a view to having their difficulties adjusted. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

P. S.—Bro. James Page, Chairman of said Committee being present all the papers in relation to the foregoing matter were placed in his hands.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. D. C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. James L. Taylor, D. G. Secty. Richard Vaux, S. G. D. William M. Martin, J. G. D. H. L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Adam Maag and William

W. Thomson, G. Stewards. John Bolt, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers and H. W. Ducachet, G. Chaplains. P. Williamson, William Whitney, James Page, Anthony Bournonville, P. G. Masters. Henry C. Howell and Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, Thomson, Skerrett, Martin, Maguire, Bilger. No. 9, Kelly, Palmer,, Leach. No. 19, Goodall, Masters, Childs, Cummings, Griscom. No. 21, Lamberton, Muench. No. 22, Taggert. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howitt. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Bell, Johnson. No. 52, Wilson, Jr. and Sr., Day, Ferguson, Ramsey. No. 62, Rutters, Hawman. No. 67, Wagner, Bolt, Loudenslager, Reese, Smith, Rutherford. No. 71, Frismuth. No. 72, Hofman, Potter, White, Phillips, Thompson. No. 91, Krider, Mustin, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Clark, Worrell, Stokley, Stevenson, Hammill, Thomson. No. 115, Parker, Adams, Leigh. No. 121, Warner, Prevost, Vaux, Peterson. No. 125, Bournonville, Ketterlinus, Philipp. No. 126, Page, Bell, Nesbit. No. 130, Lescure, Riley, Easby, Strickland. No. 134, King, Kirkpatrick, Williamson. No. 135, Dykes. No. 155, Woodbury. No. 156, Thompson. No. 158, Jones, Shields, Wills. No. 186, Hufty, Boswell, Little, Stevenson. No. 187, Albertson, Free, Loeser, Purvis, Parsons, Russell, Neill. No. 211, Lee, Dorlan, Cartwright, Page, Peall. No. 230, Brittain, Christian. No. 246, Randall, Jones, Wilder. No. 227, Stout, McClean, Rauch. No. 236, Holmes. No. 226, Ely, Weidle. No. 242, Lilly. No. 271, Neall, Slemmer, Atkinson. No. 274, Letford, Dechert. No. 289, Phillips, White. No. 292, Hill, Garside, Murphy, Stearne, Eckels. No. 295, Sinexon. No. 296, Roberts.

Proxies: No. 60, A. Bournonville; No. 106, W. W. Thomson; No. 138, W. H. Adams; No. 143, W. English; No. 144, G. Remak; No. 194, R. P. King; No. 199, H. M. Phillips; No. 216, M. R. Mucklé; No. 220. W. H. Adams; No. 222, J. Page; No. 234, H. Yerkes; No. 251, W. H. Adams; No. 261, W. Leach; No. 268, H. M. Phillips; No. 269, J. Ferguson; No. 281, G. W. Hufty; No. 284, H. L. Peterson; No. 285, J. Loudenslager; No. 286, R. Vaux; No. 308, J. Shields; No. 317, D. C. Skerrett.

Sixty-four Lodges represented, forty-three by members and twenty-one by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 51, 258,, 330, 332 and 333, which were on motion referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a New Lodge at Great Bend, Susquehanna Co., was read. On motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The President of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund submitted a few Amendments to the By-laws of the Stewards with a view to have them reprinted as the first edition was entirely exhausted. Said Amendments were approved. On motion duly made and seconded, the Secretary was directed as soon as said By-laws

were printed to furnish each Lodge under this Jurisdiction with a copy.

Communications were received from Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 25, 52, 62, 115, 130, 186, 203, 220, 245, 269, 289, 300 and 310. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 61 at Wilkesbarre, for permission to receive an application for Membership from —— ———. He having been rejected by said Lodge on his application for Initiation and Membership and subsequently Initiated, Passed and Raised by dispensation by the D. D. G. Master, Bro. Pettibone. On motion the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

Communications were read from —— ——— and —— ——— approved by St. John's Lodge, No. 115, appealing to the Grand Lodge against their rejection in said Lodge. On motion said communications were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following communication was read from Lodge No. 131:

PHILADELPHIA, September 12, 1859.

To the Right Warshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, At the Stated Meeting of Industry Lodge, No. 131, held June 13th, 1859, a communication was received from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, with a Resolution directing that —— ———, late a member of the Lodge, be restored to the position he formerly occupied. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Industry Lodge, No. 131, would earnestly and respectfully petition the Right Worthy Grand Lodge to appoint a special committee to ascertain the facts in regard to the suspension of Brother —— ———, feeling assured that there is some misunderstanding in the minds of the Grand Lodge members who voted for the passage of the resolution above stated.

That the question at issue was not fully understood, is shown from the fact that some of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge have said that they voted under a conviction *that Brother ——— had not been restored to good Masonic standing*, and others, *that he was suspended after he had paid his dues*, while the facts of the case are (as will appear by the minutes of Industry Lodge, No. 131,) that Broth. ——— was suspended, after due and timely notice (say six months), for non-payment of dues, and on subsequent payment of his dues was restored to good Masonic standing by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, in strict accordance with the "Ahiman Rezon," pages 36, 37. From what has been stated, it is the opinion of the members of Industry Lodge, No. 131, that the Report of the "Committee on Appeals," which set forth to the Grand Lodge that No. 131 *had acted in strict canformity with the provisions of the Ahiman Rezan*, would have been adopted, had it not been for the erroneous impressions before alluded to, and, therefore, Industry Lodge, No. 131, would earnestly, but respectfully appeal to the Grand Lodge

to grant the petition above made, and as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

A true extract from the minutes.

At a Stated Meeting of Industry Lodge, No. 131, Ancient York Masons, held on Monday evening, September 12, 1859, the foregoing preamble and resolution were duly adopted, by a vote of twenty-three yeas to five nays.

GEORGE ALKINS, *W. M.*

Brother Senior Warden is absent in Europe.

JOHN B. SQUIRES, *J. W.*

Attest,

JAMES B. ALVORD, *Secretary.*

Bro. Jos. S. Riley offered the following: *Resolved*, that this Grand Lodge cannot with propriety consider any proposition from Lodge No. 131 until she has duly carried out her own order of the 6th of June, last past. Bro. John Bolt offered the following as an Amendment: *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge erred in ordering the restoration of Bro. —— ——— to membership in Lodge No. 131. The question on being put was declared as lost. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton offered the following Amendment: *Resolved*, that the action of the Grand Lodge June 6th last be rescinded. On the question being put the Grand Master declared the amendment as adopted. Bro. Lamberton then offered a similar resolution to the one proposed by the Committee on Appeals June 6th last in the case of —— ———, reading as follows: *Resolved*, that the suspension by Lodge No. 131 of —— ——— for non-payment of dues be and the same is hereby sustained. On the question being put it was decided that the resolution was adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 52 asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ——— a rejected applicant. It being believed that all objections against the applicant are removed. On motion duly made and seconded the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read showing the Expulsion of Bro. —— ———; also a lengthy communication accompanied with other papers were received from Bro. —— ——— complaining of the action of Lodge No. 187 and asking a committee to be appointed to investigate the whole subject. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 226 complaining of the action of Lodge No. 307 as well the action of D. D. G. M. A. J. Swartz for granting a Dispensation out of his regular bounds to Enter, Pass and Raise a resident of our District in that of another after due notice had been given and remonstrance made to all parties concerned. After considerable discussion it was on motion of Bro. Ely and duly sconded, *Resolved*, that the action of Lodge No. 307 and D. D. G. Master A. J. Swartz be declared as erroneous.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 234 at Meadville.

That they had removed the Lodge to a more convenient building. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 245 asking permission to take another ballot in the cases of —— ——— and —— ——— rejected applicants in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, permission was given to take another ballot provided all the members be duly notified when said ballot is to be taken.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 268, Bellefonte, asking the restoration of —— ——— to Good Masonic Standing he having been suspended for unmasonic conduct. On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted; but for restoration to membership he must apply in the usual form as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 281 asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ——— a candidate for Initiation who was rejected in said Lodge. On motion permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

Several communications were presented to the Grand Lodge in relation to the Entering, Passing and Raising —— ——— by Dispensation of the D. D. G. Master in Lodge No. 282 at Hollidaysburg, said —— ——— having been badly rejected in one of our City Lodges. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Communications were received and read from —— ——— and members of Lodge No. 292, charging the W. Master with unmasonic conduct, also with refusing said —— ——— admission into the Lodge as a visitor.

Communications were received from Lodge No. 292 complaining of an advertisement in the *Masonic Mirror and Keystone.* Said advertisement tending to put said Lodge and Worshipful Master in a false position in the Order, a matter that should not have come before the public. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 322 giving notice of the removal of their Lodge Room. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 331 that the name of the Lodge had been changed to Fort Ligonier Lodge, No. 331. Ordered to be entered and filed and change of name approved.

A pamphlet titled "Statement and Appeal of the Regents of the American Masonic Home for Widows and Orphans," was received. On motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication was also received from Mrs. Finlay King of N. York soliciting aid in behalf of the Washington National Society Fund. On motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lists of the Officers of the Grand Lodges of New York, Kansas, Washington Territory, Illinois, Texas and Oregon were received and referred to Committee of Correspondence.

A communication was read from Encampment No. 2, Phila. setting forth that there appears on the books of the Grand Lodge an

account styled Encampment Nos. 5 and 6 in which the two bodies just mentioned are charged conjointly for rent to the amount of $465 to Jan. 1, 1859. Encampment No. 6 ceased to exist since May, 1857, and did so without paying the proportion of the charge which they were jointly indebted for. Encampment No. 5 now styled No. 2 being desirous of settling the amount she is indebted for requests that the account be divided. On motion the subject was referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that any Lodge availing herself of the privilege of closing for the Summer months, whether they have the privilege in their By-laws or by special resolution of the Grand Lodge will not be exonerated from any payment of rent or dues during said recess.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge respectfully submits the following Quarterly Report: they have examined the account and vouchers of the Hall Committee from Aug. 25th to Nov. 24th, 1859, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $1,601.33 all of which are correct. Also the account of the R. W. G. Treas. from Aug. 15th to Nov. 15th, 1859, compared it with his books and vouchers and found it correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. as per last report	$3,524 80
Rents of Stores	2,916 67
Dispensations, &c.	135 00
Dues from Lodges	2,147 00
Rents from Lodges and Chapters	192 00
	$8,915 47

PAYMENTS.

Orders of Hall Com.			$1,608 83
" Grand Master			158 50
" Trustees M. Loans			4,055 68
" Insurance			200 00
" Grand Secty. salary		$312 50	
and expenses		48 50	361 00
" Interest M. Loans			1,230 50
" Grand Tyler's Salary			40 50
" G. Treas. office expenses			11 00
" Bal. on hand			1,249 47
Total			$8,915 47

They have also examined the accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary of payment of interest on Masonic Loans from Aug. 25, 1859, to Nov. 24.

Bal. on the $110,000 Loan as per last Rep.	$1,062 00
Amount paid since	562 50
Balance in his hands	$499 50
Balance on the $41,000 as per last report	$781 50
Appropriated to pay Oct. 1, 1859, interest	1,230 00
	$2,011 50
Amount paid since	1,156 50
Bal. in his hands	$855 00

Both of which accounts have been compared with the Books of the Grand Secty. and found correct. They have also examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund showing a balance in their hands of $73.06 which was compared with their books and found to agree therewith. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET.

PHIL., Decr. 5, 1859.

The Finance Committee made the following report which was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. herewith submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending Nov. 15, 1859, agreeably to the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon. The committee have examined quarterly the accounts of the Hall Committee, Grand Treasurer's, Grand Secretary's, of payment of interest on Masonic Loans and Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and found them correct. The accounts of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, Trustees of the Girard Bequest and Almoners of the G. L. C. Fund have not been examined your Committee being under the impression that their report should be first made to the Grand Lodge. We now submit a synopsis of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the past year as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. of cash on hand Nov. 16, 1858	$3,805 80
Rents of Stores	10,416 74
From Lodges and Chapters	21,232 39
From D. D. G. Masters and Grand Secretary for Dispensations, Fees, &c.	1,288 50
" Warrants for New Lodges	486 00
" Returns of Taxes (overpaid)	497 33
	$37,726 76

EXPENDITURES.

For orders of Hall Committee	$3,577 58
" " " G. Master	481 11
John Notman, Architect	1,000 00
Grand Secty. Salary etc	1,542 00
Expenses of D. D. G. Masters	625 42
Taxes	1,868 25
Insurance on furniture, &c	200 00
Trustees G. L. Charity Fund	720 00
" Masonic Loans to invest	17,055 67
Interest on Masonic Loans	8,733 00
Printing	585 85
Grand Tyler	40 50
Office expenses G. Treasurer	47 91
Bal. on hand	1,249 47
	$37,726 76

We also submit a synopsis of the payment of interest on M. Loans by the Grand Secretary.

Bal. of interest on $100,000 Loan on hand Nov. 16th, 1858	$631 50
Appropriated to pay interest falling due Jan. & July	6,273 00
	$6,904 50
Amount of interest paid	6,405 00
Bal. on hand	$499 50

Bal. of interest on $41,000 Loan on hand Nov. 16th, 1858	$316 50
Appropriated to pay interest falling due April & October	2,460 00
	$2,776 50
Amount of interest paid	1,921 50
Balance on hand	$855 00

The Committee have consulted the different officers and Committees of the Grand Lodge and give the following estimate of the Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal Year ending Nov. 15th, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c	$17,500 00
" Dispensations, Certificates, Warrants, &c., Grand Secty. and D. D. G. Masters	2,500 00
" Rents of Stores	10,000 00
Total	$30,000 00

Your Committee submit the following Resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, that the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending Nov. 15th, 1860, viz.:

Hall Committee	$4,425 00
Ex. of G. Master	1,000 00
G. Secty. exp. and salary	1,550 00
G. Treas. salary and expenses	250 00
Grand Tyler	200 00
Trustees G. L. C. Fund	720 00
	$8,145 00

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer upon the following dates for the following amounts to pay interest on Masonic Loans:

Jan. 1, 1860, on the $110,000 Loan	$2,526 00
April 1, " " " $41,000 do.,	1,230 00
July 1, " " " $110,000 do.,	2,629 50
Oct. 1, " " " $41,000 do.,	1,230 00
To pay interest	$7,615 50

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, *Committee.*

PHIL., Dec. 19, 1859.

Report of Committee of Correspondence read and approved, and referred to the Committee on Publication, to wit:

The Committee of Correspondence ask leave to make the following report:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary has transmitted to your Committee proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, viz.:

1. MISSOURI	An. Com. held at	St. Louis,	May	23, 1859.
2. ARKANSAS	" "	Little Rock,	Nov.	3, 1858.
3. CALIFORNIA	" "	Sacramento,	May	10, 1859.
4. NEW YORK	" "	New York,	June	7, 1859
5. ALABAMA	" "	Montgomery,	Dec.	6, 1858.
6. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	" "	Washington,	Jan'y	8, 1858.
7. VERMONT	" "	Burlington,	Jan'y	12, 1859.
8. MASSACHUSETTS	" "	Boston, from March 10 to Dec. 27, 1858; 125 anniversary.		
9. MISSISSIPPI	" "	Jackson,	Jan'y	17, 18, 19, 1859.
10. MAINE	" "	Portland,	May,	1859.
11. WISCONSIN	" "	Milwaukee,	June	14, 1859.
12. FLORIDA	" "	Tallahassee,	Jan'y	10, 1859.
13. LOUISIANA	" "	New Orleans,	Feb'y	14, 1859.

14. MARYLAND.....An. Com. held at Baltimore, May 1859.
15. NEW JERSEY..... " " Trenton, Jan'y 12, 1859.
16. NEW HAMPSHIRE..... " " Concord, June 8 & 9, 1859.
17. KANSAS..... " " Leavenworth, Oct. 18, 1858.
18. MAINE..... " " Portland, May, 1858.
19. MICHIGAN..... " " Grand Rapids, Jan'y 12, 1859.
20. MINNESOTA..... " " St. Paul, Oct. 26, 1858.
21. RHODE ISLAND..... " " Providence, June 24, 1858.
22. SOUTH CAROLINA..... " " Charleston, Nov., 1858.
23. TENNESSEE..... " " Nashville, Oct., 1858.
24. VIRGINIA, Spec. G. Com. " " Richmond, Feb'y 22, 1858.
25. OHIO..... " " Massillon, Oct. 20–24, 1857.
And also..... " " Columbus, Oct. 19, 1858.
26. VIRGINIA..... " " Richmond, Dec. 13, 1858.
27. KENTUCKY..... " " Lexington, Oct. 11, 1858
28. IOWA..... " " Des Moines, June 1, 1858.
29. CANADA..... " " Toronto, July 14, 1856.
30. INDIANA..... " " Indianapolis, May 4, 1858.
31. ILLINOIS..... " " Springfield, Oct. 1858.
PROCEEDINGS of La Clementie Amite .....July 3, 1856.
32. LOUISIANA.....An. Com. held at New Orleans, July 8–15, 1858.
CANADA, condensed proceedings Special Com.....July 19, 1859.
PRINTED CIRCULAR, G. Sec. of G. L. Virginia, dated.....Jan'y, 1859.
LIST OF OFFICERS, Grand Lodge Mississippi for the year 1859.
LIST OF OFFICERS, Grand Lodge Vermont " " 1859.
33. KENTUCKY, Report of Committee of Correspondence....Oct., 1859.
34. IOWA.....An. Com. held at Davenport, June 7, 1859.
35. FULL PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the special communication held at Toronto.....Jan'y 19, 1859.
And also the proceedings of the 4th Annual Communication, held at Kingston.....July 13, 1859.
36. DELAWARE.....An. Com. held at Wilmington, June 27, 1859.
37. PROCEEDINGS of the 2d Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON, held at Olympia.....July 5, 6, 7 & 8, 1859.

These documents make nearly five thousand pages of printed matter. The proceedings of the several Grand Lodges are highly interesting. They present, in a large majority of instances, a most elaborate annual history of the Order, in its separate jurisdictions. The addresses of the Grand Masters contain full and explicit accounts of their views and actions in regard to both general principles, and special questions, which have required, and annually require, the care and supervision of the Oriental Chair. The reports of the various committees of correspondence, are equally important, and in no case fail to excite the earnest attention of the craft everywhere. The amount of patient labor bestowed on some of these reports, demands our admiration. Their perusal has clearly shown that the proceedings of each Grand Lodge has been carefully scru-

tinized by the others, with which they are in correspondence. It is frequently noticed, that copious extracts from the report of one committee, are embodied in the reports of others, which adds much to their voluminous character. Justice demands the expression of these views, and they are cheerfully and frankly made. As to the necessity for so much elaboration of detail; or the benefits which may practically result from the general character of the annual reports of committees of foreign correspondence; or the utility which is to be experienced from this labor of these committees, we have neither the jurisdiction to question, nor are we the forum to decide. As one, however, of the Grand Lodges of the craft; and on behalf of its sovereignty, and thus authorized respectfully to express an opinion, on a subject of common interest to all bound in the bonds of our ancient brotherhood, we are free to remark, that we cannot yield our consent to the existence of either such necessity, benefit, or utility. The intent and purpose of a Committee of Correspondence, is not to examine the proceedings of sister sovereign jurisdictions, which relate to their individual business; to except to, criticise, condemn, or oppose what relates exclusively to their domestic interests; to raise questions which are designated Masonic, in order thereby to elevate their position, high enough, to justify their almost universal consideration; or to invite controversy, by creating contrariety of views, and possibly excite discussion and differences on wholly unimportant points in order to give consequence to expressed opinions. This is not the purpose of such committees. It is foreign, entirely, to their true character. When questions do arise of importance to the Masonic world, when subjects are to be presented to the attention of the craft universal, when official communications are necessary, when primary interests demand it, then it is both proper and orderly to have channels for such inter-communication among so many independent jurisdictions. The duties of the Committees of Correspondence then begin. Their objects, and the exercise of their functions, are in harmony. The most valuable, beneficial, and important results, flow from the expression of their views and opinions and judgments, as well as their decisions and action. Their utility is patent. The craft acknowledges their necessity. Their character, as well as their conclusions, are thus dignified. The contempt, which familiarity with unimportant matters engenders, is avoided. Independent bodies are permitted to manage their domestic Masonic concerns in their own way, without responsibility to, and free from the supervision of, similar bodies, or any one of their committees. It is certainly true that committees of correspondence are within the purview of their duties, deacons, who recognize intrusions on the harmony of the craft, and announce the alarm which is thus created; but they are, however, circumscribed to gross innovations, schisms and violations of fundamental principles of common Masonic concernment. Lesser infractions and violations of order or organism, are within the ex-

clusive power of the jurisdiction in which they occur. It surely will never be seriously contended, that the rights of past officers; the relations between subordinate and Grand Lodges; the decisions by presiding officers of subordinate Lodges on questions growing out of constitution and by-laws; the points arising on appeals by individual members; the views of Masters on unwritten phraseology; the crude or curious opinions of subordinate Lodges or officers, as to their power over questions cognizable directly by supreme authority; and thousand like subjects are, or should be, the themes for reports of Committee of Correspondence, to be revised, or discussed by similar committees of almost every Grand Lodge in the United States. If it considered that the Masonic fraternity generally is to be enlightened, instructed, informed or benefited, by such efforts; if a respectful unwillingness to conform to this standard, is evidence sufficient to some minds, to condemn those who consistently decline this imitation, then it only remains for us to pursue the even tenor of our way. We can do this in union and harmony, and fraternity with all. We can entertain for all, the truest and purest Masonic love and esteem. We can do our whole duty to the craft in times of danger or peril. We can aid and assist when our efforts may at least, have the merit of a sincere desire, an unselfish anxiety, to be able to protect the ever-burning light of Masonry, and the temple which is dedicated to its protection and safety, from secret or open enemies. We stand ready for any such emergency, but it is in the calm and quiet attitude of a firm resolve, neither to invite, nor avoid issues, which may involve the sternest responsibilities. Our notice has been attracted to an effort to raise from Masonic bodies, funds for the purchase of Mount Vernon. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has already considered this matter, and on a report and resolution from the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, this Grand Lodge has not contributed. The report sets forth that the Lodge is not at present in such a financial condition as to overlook her own duties to her members and Lodges, in order to embrace the luxury of aiding in this enterprise. We are, in noticing this subject, free to remark, that a want of patriotism, and veneration for the memory of the Father of his Country, is implied, when it is proclaimed necessary by individuals and corporations, to resort to such means to raise money to purchase from one, holding the name, and owning the property of Washington, the Virginia-American soil, which holds the dust of that immortal man. Where is the remembrance of the struggles, and trials, and gloom, and despair, surrounding the contest for the mighty interests involved in our Revolution. Have the descendants of those patriots, in less than a century, lost all attachment and devotion to their names and memories? Did the blood of the Revolution enrich the ground only to grow neglect, and indifference and forgetfulness? Have the sighs of sufferers, the prayers of patriots, the toil of freemen, the agonies of the stricken, the death-throes of victims, and the

example of martyrs in the cause of the Colonies, the combat for Confederation, and the unprecedented struggle for Union of the States, ceased to be the glory of this generation? Have virtue, liberty and independence become unmeaning? Has memory lost its power? Are the blessings of self-government, and the principles on which it rests, the duties and obligations which history at least attaches to that cause and its origin, and the conflict for its organization, no longer worthy of the constant consideration of the people of America? Sad as such suggestions are, their reality of existence depends, it might seem, on the character of some of the efforts making to obtain funds for the purchase of Mount Vernon. From the tenor of circulars, speeches, orations, periodicals, letters, and other public and published means adopted for this end, it need not be feared that patriotism was extinct. While we cordially approve of the purpose for which the home and grave of Washington is sought to be obtained, it is nevertheless just to our generation to deny, that love of country or veneration for Washington is to be measured by money, or cash contributions by the community. The sentiment of devotion which pervades the whole country, is confined within no narrow bounds, is divided by no geographical line, can be monopolized by neither sect nor section. Liberty kindled the unextinguishable fires of love and veneration for the Father of his Country, and every age born of time, as it grows into the maturity of its faculties and sentiments, passing this altar of American patriotism, will add to the immortality of its institution. The Masonic brotherhood needs no stimulus to this sentiment, the cassia at his grave is as green, as when it first grew on the slopes of Mount Lebanon. We close this plea for the patriotism of the people, as well as for our fraternity, by expressing the hope, that the whole Masonic order of the United States, at a proper time, will give form to its reverence for Washington's character and name. Since the date of our last report, further efforts have been made by those interested, to settle the difficulties which then existed, and which, in the opinion of your committee, prevent, while they exist, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizing the Grand Lodge of Canada. The facts as they now appear, show that the body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Canada, has a question of geographical boundary still unadjusted. The Grand Lodge of England has recognized the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, over certain Lodges, but refuses, or is unwilling, to recognize it over other Lodges in the same territory. Although it is not likely that this difference will long continue, yet so long as two jurisdictions claim allegiance from the constituents of each other, it is best to wait until the Grand Lodge of Canada can assume her only proper position in the Masonic world. That position must be supreme and sovereign. Your committee, therefore, suggest further delay on this subject, in the confident belief, from the proceedings presented, that ere long the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can recognize the

Grand Lodge of Canada with that feeling of cordial sympathy, Masonic respect and regard, in unembarrassed sincerity, which gives vitality to the relations between Masonic bodies, as well as individual members of the craft. We cannot refrain from remarking that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never carped at any proceedings of the fraternity in Canada on the questions involved in their independence. It has been the anxious desire of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to see the Grand Lodge of Canada a sovereign and supreme authority in the Masonic world. Our sympathies have been aroused for her in these efforts, and her successful issue out of the difficulties that surrounded her, have been looked for with an earnest anticipation of such result. However our Masonic feelings may be excited, it is the inherent duty of all belonging to the Masonic family, to avoid hasty or impulsive action on any subject of law, landmark, or fundamental Masonic principles. It is often easy thus to establish precedents, or to involve Grand Lodges in inconsistency or contradiction. It should be remembered that the differences in Canada were questions entirely domestic, having relation solely to the internal relations between a sovereign and a subordinate. To interpose in such a condition of affairs, was not the part of any other Grand Lodge. Until that question is settled, a decent respect for the opinions of the Masonic fraternity is best evinced by non-interference, on the part of those not directly interested. This was the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and is now her opinion. She respectfully persists in such a line of conduct, which is regarded by her as essentially safe, conservative, and Masonic. In the last annual report of your committee, the reference made to the distraction existing in the Masonic fraternity of Canada, consisted of a statement of the nature of these difficulties. It was made in a calm, not a carping spirit. The only object was fairly to state the case as it was understood, in order that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania might act advisedly in regard to it. Our conclusions rest, we think, on sound Masonic principles. True Free Masonry is universal. It is co-extensive with population. The rights and privileges are the same, wherever conferred. The craft owes one primary duty everywhere, and that is to maintain the Order in its integrity, and disown and condemn all clandestine institutions. A free and accepted Mason can enjoy the rights and privileges he possesses, in any clime, country, or commonwealth. Grand Lodge Masons, are creations of the craft, for their government, and tribunals to preserve and protect these rights and privileges from innovations or violations. They are sovereign and supreme in their very nature, because they hold and exercise all the powers to Masonry, conferred on them for the objects of their institution. If it were not so, they would be powerless in purpose. They cannot permit or admit any co-ordinate authority to interfere with their action. This would destroy their essential character. It may be assumed as an axiomatic Masonic principle, that a Grand

Lodge which claims a territory or geographical boundary, must maintain throughout this boundary, a co-extensive Masonic, supreme sovereign jurisdiction. A violation of this principle, would necessarily create confusion, produce perplexity, destroy order, introduce discord, and finally end in contest. Such a condition of the Order is abnormal. It is in violation of the principles of Masonry. Harmony, order, and regularity are fundamental to the existence of Masonry. There can be no supreme sovereign authority, where a divided allegiance is allowed or acknowleged in such an established jurisdiction. If two Grand Lodges cannot exist in the same jurisdiction, then how can a supreme sovereign authority permit a lesser degree of the same authority to oppose the exercise of its functions, or to divide its jurisdiction. This is an anomaly. A Masonic contradiction. It should not be tolerated, because it will become the parent of agencies which will destroy the very integrity of the Masonic Order. This subject is eminently worthy of the serious consideration of the craft everywhere. Our brethren in Canada have fully understood the force of these principles. They have unanimously declared, authoritatively as far as their jurisdiction extends, on the 19th of January, 1859, that they agree "to the well recognized principle of Masonic jurisprudence, that *more than one Grand Lodge cannot exist in the same Kingdom, State, or Territory*, without destroying that unity which must be admitted as forming the basis of Masonic legislation." Under the operation of this principle, neither a provincial authority, be it great or small, silent or segregated; nor an authority foreign to a geographical jurisdiction, though it may only claim allegiance of a single subordinate Lodge, can be permitted to exist, and the supreme authority of a Grand Lodge in a jurisdiction so invaded, be regarded as sovereign, inviolate and intact. It is of importance that this principle of Masonic jurisprudence should be fully recognized, or else questions may arise, *if they have not already arisen*, which may give to the Masonic Order, questions to discuss and decide, which will excite feelings and opinions at war with the unity and harmony of Free Masonry. In following this principle out to its conclusions, our Grand Lodges will then be forced to assert, as a cardinal axiom, that no foreign Grand Lodge should grant authority to Masons, to exercise Masonic powers of any kind, within the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge. This course would be but fraternal on their part, evince a proper respect for a sister Grand Lodge, show a feeling of courtesy and kindness to a sovereign authority, and save the craft from discord. Establish this principle as universal for the cordial unity, harmony, strength and virtue of the Order, round the world. On fully considering those observations, which so much of the last report of your committee, in regard to Masonic publications have caused to be made, no sound objections are discovered to them. That which is proper to be published needs no argument in justification or support of its publication. If the propriety as to other publications is so questionable, as to create at least grave doubts on

the subject, then those who entertain opinions adverse to such publication, are liable to no interested or partial criticism. So long as the question rests on enlightened views of Masonic principles, and a sincere desire to maintain them against plausibility, policy, or self-interest, no grounds can exist for feelings of unkindness in the discussion. The point of difference between those who do not unite with others in favor of a latitudinarian policy as to Masonic publications, is made by the text, if not the spirit of the ancient teachings, and landmarks of the order. A difference of opinion thus caused, is to be respected. It should claim from all a calm and anxious investigation, for the purpose of ascertaining the just limit which wisdom and knowledge combine, in giving to the increasing effort to extend these publications. Your committee have thus attended to such subjects as need notice at this time. It is not out of place, before closing this report, to congratulate the members of the Grand Lodge that the relations of ancient cordiality exist between it, and the Grand Lodge of New York. This result, with its attendant harmony and good feeling, serves to illustrate the advantages which a consistency of conduct must ever produce, when a conscientious discharge of Masonic duty is its only incentive. In conclusion, your committee most sincerely offer to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the assurance of a deep and earnest desire for their harmony, prosperity, and Masonic usefulness. Let us all unite for the welfare of the brotherhood, and the integrity and unity of the Masonic teachings; cavil not at the means employed by any, to advance these objects, if they are sanctioned by ancient usages, sustained by ancient landmarks, and adopted in the spirit of ancient Free Masonry. At the first alarm given by the approach of novelties, innovations, strange theories, or unprepared propositions, let us all unite to protect the door against their admission into our temple. When security and peace dwell with us, let us seek to retain them. We know their voice, but the voice of a stranger we must not follow.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of

GEORGE GRISCOM, EDWIN T. CHASE,
JAMES B. CHANDLER, JOHN U. GILLER,
Committee of Correspondence.

RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman.*

The Report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1859—A. L. 5859.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, &c.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund beg leave, respectfully, to report: From the 3d of January last, when the present Board assumed the duties of the station, to the 15th of November, the time prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon to have all accounts

posted, they have received $2,577.50, which, with the balance in the Six Penny Saving Fund to the credit of the Fund, from 1857, viz. $619.46, made a total of $3,196.96. Of this sum they have appropriated to the use of the Board of Almoners, and paid upon orders issued by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the sum of $1,500; for the purchase of six per cent. City Loan for investment $1,606; for printing, &c., $17.90, leaving a balance, deposited in the Six Penny Saving Fund, of $73.06.

The transfer of the mortgage on the property at Germantown, authorized by the Grand Lodge, has not yet been made; but the present owner of the property, having erected two large dwellings on the lot, is now anxious to have the transfer made as soon as practicable. The subject is, therefore, commended to the early attention of the Trustees for the ensuing year. The accompanying statement will show the details of the transactions of the Board for the period hereinbefore mentioned. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ENGLISH, WM. S. BLACK,
JOSEPH S. RILEY, ANGUS N. MACPHERSON,
JOHN WILSON,

Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

STATEMENT,

Showing the receipts and payments of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, from January 3, to November 15, 1859.

1859.		RECEIPTS.	
Jan.	3,	To balance in Six Penny Saving Fund, from 1857.....	$619 46
"	11,	To cash from J. L. Hutchinson, for Lodge No. 71.....	158 00
"	"	" " " John Wilson, for Lodge No. 52.....	168 00
"	"	" " " Wm. H. Adams, interest on Masonic Loan.	616 50
Feb.	12,	" " " P. R. Howard & Co., brokers commission returned.....	2 00
"	"	" " " W. Heimberger, for Lodge No. 115.....	141 00
April	1,	" " " Wm. M. Shewell, balance of interest on mortgage.....	88 00
"	"	" " " Wm. H. Adams, inter't on Masonic Loan..	15 00
"	"	" " " Wm. H. Adams, interest on Grand Lodge subscription.....	720 00
"	18,	" " " N. B. Mosely, for lodge No. 2.....	159 00
July	1,	" " " Wm. H. Adams, interest on Masonic Loan.	190 50
"	"	" " " City Treasurer, int. on City Loan.....	46 00
Sept.	12,	" " " A. N. Macpherson, for Lodge No. 59.....	35 10
Oct.	3,	" " " John Martin, for Lodge No. 155.....	127 50
"	"	" " " Wm. M. Shewell, interest on mortgage.....	96 00
"	4,	" " " Wm. H. Adams, interest on Masonic Loan.	15 00
		Total.....	$3,196 96

1859.		PAYMENTS.	
Jan. 12,	By cash paid P. Williamson, treasurer Board of Almoners	$500 00	
Feb. 12,	" " " P. R. Howard & Co. $800 City 6 per ct. Loan	796 00	
April 1,	" " " P. Williamson, treasurer Board of Almoners	300 00	
May 13,	" " " P. R. Howard & Co., $800 City 6 per ct. Loan	810 00	
July 3,	" " " P. Williamson, treasurer Board of Almoners	300 00	
Oct. 4,	" " " P. Williamson, treasurer Board of Almoners	400 00	
" "	" " " J. Alexander, printing, &c	5 65	
Nov. 11,	" " " " " "	12 25	
" 15,	" Balance in Six Penny Saving Fund	73 06	
	Total		$3,196 96

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary submitted the following Report on behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans:

The following Report was read, approved, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Masonic Loan, in pursuance of a resolution, passed by the trustees, December 13, 1859, respectfully submits the following statement of their proceedings during the past year, as per account of Peter Williamson, Esq., Treasurer, up to November 25th, 1859. Also a statement of the whole amount of investments made up to same date, with a view of showing the reduction of the debt on the Loans ordered by the Grand Lodge. Statement of investments in Masonic Loans, per account of Peter Williamson, Esq., Treasurer, up to November 15th, 1859.

Peter Williamson, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans,

DR.

1858.	To balance, as per settlement with Finance Committee.	$62 38
Dec. 2,	" Interest received from Grand Secretary	255 00
" "	" do. do.	255 00
" "	" do. do.	244 50
1859.		
March 28,	" Cash from Grand Lodge	10,000 00
April 6,	" do. do.	500 00
May 16,	" do. do.	500 00
June 30,	" do. do.	2,000 00
Aug. 20,	" do. do.	2,016 67

Sept.	30,	To	Interest from Grand Secretary	$255 00
"	"	"	do. do.	379 50
"	27,	"	Cash from the Grand Lodge	2,039 00
			Total receipts	$18,507 05

1859.			Contra credit.		
Jan.	14,	By	purchase 5 shares of the $41,000 Loan.	$500 00	
		"	3½ months interest	8 75	
Mar.	29,	"	Purchase of 6 certificates 1st Masonic Loan	3,000 00	
		"	Interest on do. to date	44 00	
"	30,	"	Purchase 2 certificates 1st Masonic Loan	1,000 00	
		"	Interest on the above	15 00	
"	31,	"	Purchase of 8 certificates 1st Masonic Loan	4,000 00	
		"	Interest to date	60 00	
April	1,	"	Purchase 2 certificates 2d Masonic Loan	200 00	
"	1,	"	Purchase of three certificates Masonic Loan, 1st Loan	1,100 00	
		"	Interest to date	16 50	
"	6,	"	Purchase two shares first Masonic Loan, $500	1,000 00	
		"	Interest to date	16 00	
"	22,	"	Purchase one certificate 1st Masonic Loan	500 00	
		"	Interest to date	9 37	
June	3,	"	Purchase of one certificate 1st Masonic Loan	300 00	
		"	Interest to date	7 50	
"	30,	"	Purchase five certificates first Masonic Loan	2,000 00	
Aug.	20,	"	Purchase four certificates first Masonic Loan	2,000 00	
		"	Interest to date	16 67	
Oct.	27,	"	Purchase four certificates Masonic Loan	2,000 00	
		"	Interest to date	39 00	
				$17,832 79	
		'	Balance cash on hand	674 26	
				$18,507 05	$18,507 05

1859. Balance on hand as per the above statement	$674 26
Interest due by Grand Lodge on purchases of the above Masonic Loan of $110,000	327 00
Oct. 1, Interest due by the Grand Lodge on the $41,000 loan	640 50
Amount due this date	$1,641 76

Waiting an investment. Which sum would have been invested ere this, but for circumstances beyond our control.

PRESENT STATE OF THE DEBT.

Invested in the first Loan as per last report	$5,450 00
Amount invested up to this date in the first Loan, as per statement herewith	16,900 00
Total of	$22,350 00

This sum taken from the $110,000 loan, leaves a balance still due of $87,650 00.

Invested in second, or $41,000 Loan, as per last report	$20,650 00
Amount invested up to this time, as per account herewith	700 00
Total of	$21,350 00

This sum taken from the $41,000 Loan, leaves a balance still due of $19,650.

Balance of the $110,000 unpaid	$87,650 00	
Balance of the $41,000 unpaid	19,650 00	
Total still unpaid		$107,300 00
Amounts paid off to date:—		
On the $110,000 Loan	$22,350 00	
" $41,000 Loan	21,350 00	
Total of		43,700 00
Whole of debt		$151,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary Board of Trustees.*

NOTE.—At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer reported that he had purchased $2,800 more of the Loan, thus reducing the debt to $104,500.

The following report was read and the resolution attached adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the case of the complaint of Bro. —— ——— of the action of Lodge No. 296 in the case of Bro. ——

——— respectfully report: that upon a full investigation of the matter they are satisfied that the proceedings of the said Lodge have been irregular and offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that inasmuch as the whole of the proceedings appear to have been erroneous the matter be referred back to said Lodge for further action and that Bro. ——— be allowed to bring his charges in writing asking for the expulsion of Bro. —— ——— said charges to be heard and tried according to Masonic usage.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was also read, approved and the resolution appended thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Appeals to whom was submitted certain irregularities complained of in the proceedings of Lodge No. 294 respectfully report, that by the records of said Lodge it appears that the Committee on the application of —— ———, —— ——— and —— ——— reported favorably when ballots being separately had they were rejected. This was at the Stated Meeting in January, 1859. At the Stated Meeting in February, 1859, these ballots were separately moved to be reconsidered and laid over at the stated meeting in March the motion to reconsider in ——— and ——— case was carried and a second ballot being had ——— was rejected. A motion for a re-ballot was ordered believing it to be an error, he was again rejected. A second ballot on ——— and ——— was then postponed indefinitely. A motion to reconsider the ballot on ——— was carried. A second ballot was then had on ——— he was elected, and the same proceedings were had as to ——— who was rejected. Another ballot was had on ——— he was again rejected. In the opinion of the Committee the whole of these proceedings were irregular. The motion to postpone indefinitely was wrong. While it existed the Lodge had forestalled its own action until that motion was rescinded. It was wrong to take a ballot on the same night that the motion for a re-ballot was adopted such action being contrary to the Ahiman Rezon. *Resolved*, that the whole of the proceedings in the cases of ———, ——— and ——— were irregular and are set aside and that —— ——— has no right to be further advanced.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was also read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

The Committee on Appeals in the matter of the application of Lodge No. 287 respectfully report: that —— ——— applied for Initiation and Membership was duly approved, Initiated and Crafted. Before being passed the Lodge was informed that he had been rejected in October and December, 1854, by Lodge No. 45; the Lodge then refused to confer on him the third degree. —— ——— declares

that he did not know of this rejection and the Lodge believes his statement to be true, stating further that he bears an irreproachable character. The Lodge asks for permission to confer the third degree upon the brother. This is one of the many cases occurring in this Jurisdiction in which a rejected candidate at one Lodge has been a successful applicant at another simply because the records of rejections are not availably kept and the fact of said rejection is not made known (to the applicant as soon as it occurs), as is contemplated by the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge. —— ——— acted in good faith as did the Lodge under the circumstances. The Committee submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 287 be authorized to confer the third degree on Bro. ——— if upon inquiry they find him every way worthy notwithstanding his rejection in No. 45.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 211 respectfully report: that upon certain charges made against the brother not necessary to be repeated the Lodge suspended him and to their proceedings he has filed sundry exceptions one only of which it is necessary to notice and that is his not being permitted to remain in the Lodge, nor allowed while the matter was before it or saying anything in his defence. The wrong here complained of is so manifest that the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the action of Lodge No. 211 in not allowing Bro. —— ——— to be present when the report in his case was read and the subject of his suspension was under discussion was clearly irregular and that the whole of their proceedings in the case of that brother be reversed and he be reinstated as if such suspension had never occurred.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was made and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that the words resident in Philadelphia be stricken from line 7 of Article XVIII in the By-laws of Lodge No. 51 and the word "once" be substituted for "twice" in the third line of the same Article and that said By-laws be then approved. That the word "once" be substituted for "twice" in Sec. 1, Art. VIII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 330. To Article XI of said By-laws be added "the fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in

advance"; that all after the word "paid" be stricken out from Sec. 1, Art. XVIII, and that the said By-laws be then approved. That all after the word "year" be stricken from Art. II of the By-laws of Lodge No. 332 and the following substituted: "The election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon Page 7 for choosing the Grand Officers." That all before the words "no new matter" be stricken from Art. VI. That the word "twenty" be substituted for "fourteen" in Art. IX. That all after the word "treasury" in same article be stricken out and the following substituted: The fee for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $20; Initiation and Membership, $20; admission of an E. A. Mason, $10; Fellow Craft, $5; Master Mason, $5. That the words "at Regular Communications" be stricken from Art. X. That the word "first" whenever it occurs in said Article be changed to "twenty-fifth"; that the words "two o'clock" be stricken out and the following substituted: Nine o'clock, P. M. from the 25th of Sept. to the 25th of March and ten o'clock from 25th of March to the 25th of September. That Art. XVII be stricken out and the following substituted: A member one year in arrears for dues shall be notified by the Secretary thereof and if the same be not paid within three months thereafter the Lodge may pass a resolution notifying the brother that if they be not paid by the next or some fixed subsequent Stated Meeting he will be suspended or expelled. The brother having received lawful Masonic notice of this resolution and failing to pay by the time specified may be suspended or expelled, and that said By-laws be approved. That Sections 1 and 2 be stricken from Art. V of the By-laws of Lodge No. 333 and the following substituted: 1. The Fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $31; Initiation and Membership, $31; admission of an E. A. from another Lodge, $10; F. Craft, $5; a Master Mason, $5. 2. On the rejection of an applicant or on the withdrawal of his application all such fees as he may have paid in conformity with this By-law shall be forthwith refunded him. That all after the word "Secretary" be stricken from Sec. 4 of Art. VI and the following substituted: "And if the same be not paid within three mos. thereafter the Lodge may pass a resolution notifying the brother that if they be not paid by the next or some fixed subsequent stated meeting he will be suspended or expelled. The brother having received lawful notice of this resolution and failing to pay by the time specified may be suspended or expelled." That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. VIII and the words "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the word "October" be stricken from Sec. 2 of Art. I of the By-laws of Lodge No. 285 and the word "September" substituted. That before each month named in said Article the words "the twenty-fifth of" be inserted. That

all after the word "annually" be stricken from Art. II and the following substituted: "The election shall be conducted in accordance with the provision of the A. Rezon page 7 for choosing the Grand Officers." That after the word "Members" in the 7 line of Art VIII the following be inserted "and neither of whom is a recommender." That to Sec. 3 Art. IX be added "All fees must be paid in advance." That all after the word "cents" be stricken from Art. X and the following substituted: "A member one year in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary and if the same be not paid within three months thereafter the Lodge may pass a resolution notifying the brother that if he does not come and pay by the next or some fixed subsequent stated meeting he will be suspended or expelled. The brother having received lawful notice of this resolution and failing to pay by the time specified may be suspended or expelled." That after the word "box" in Art. XVII the words "having been first presented to the W. Master and Wardens" be inserted. That the word "unanimous" be stricken from Sec. 4 of the rules of order, and that said By-laws be then approved. All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on By-laws.

W. H. Adams, Robert Frazer.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams, *Grand Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1859, A. L. 5859.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Annual Grand Communication.

Present: Bros. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. James W. Martien, S. G. D. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. D. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Horace L. Peterson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and William W. Thomson, G. Stewards. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Revd. William H. Odenheimer, H. W. Ducachet and William H. Reese, Grand Chaplains. Peter Williamson, P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Green, Floyd. No. 3, English, Skerrett. No. 9, Duffield, Palmer. No. 19, Beaumont, Thomas, Maginnis. No. 21, Park. No. 25, Headley, Stackhouse, Benezett. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Bell, Johnson, Marshall. No. 52, Ferguson, Shindler, Wilson, Sr. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson, Gibson. No. 62, Hiester. No. 67, Van Osten, Loudenslager, Martien, Worthington. No. 71, Jones, Frismuth, Bambrey. No. 72, Ashton, Phillips, Moore, White, Thomas. No. 81, Miles, Piper. No. 91, Krider, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Stevenson, Thomson, Stokley, Clark. No. 115, McCloud, Kraft, Adams, Beenken. No. 121, Peterson, Warner. No. 125, Batzig, Remak, Maag.

No. 126, Page, Bell, Miller. No. 130, Stokes, Kirkpatrick, Van Houten, Severn. No. 131, Alkins, Martin. No. 134, Williamson, Roney, Maas. No. 135, Dykes. No. 155, Megary. No. 158, Jones, Weatherly, Walker, Masson. No. 186, Stevenson, Filson. No. 187, Parsons, Cree. No. 190, Johnson. No. 211, Dickson, Bennett, Cartwright, Page. No. 230, Ziegler. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Jones. No. 274, Letford. No. 289, Martin, Simpson, Phillips, Gwynn. No. 292, Garside, Hill. No. 295, Yerkes, Brooker. No. 296, Harper, Roberts. No. 298, Manley, Beaby, Shaw, Thomson. No. 308, Rex.

Proxies: No. 106, W. W. Thomson; No. 138, W. H. Adams; No. 144, G. Remak; No. 199, H. M. Phillips; No. 234, H. Yerkes; No. 268, H. M. Phillips; No. 269, J. Ferguson; Nos. 275 and 312, G. H. Ashton; No. 284, H. L. Peterson; No. 309, P. Williamson; No. 317, D. C. Skerrett.

Fifty-two Lodges represented, forty-one by members and eleven by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

So much of the minutes of the Grand Lodge as relates to the election of Officers Dec. 5th last was read and approved. Past Grand Master, Bro. Peter Williamson and all but Past Masters having retired proceeded to the installation of Bro. Henry M. Phillips as R. W. Grand Master. The R. W. Grand Master then Installed Bro. John Thomson as R. W. Deputy Grand Master in ancient form, and having been separately proclaimed in their respective stations received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren. The brethren who had retired were readmitted. The following Grand Officers were then severally and duly installed in ancient and solemn form. All were duly proclaimed and received the accustomed salutations of the brethren:

Bros. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. Warden; Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas.; Wm. H. Adams, R. W G. Secty.

The R. W. Grand Master upon taking the Chair, made the following address to the Brethren:

BRETHREN: It is cause of congratulation to the whole fraternity under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that peace and unexampled unanimity dwell within its borders. Complaints are few, and of individuals, not of Lodges; a fraternal spirit seems to be universally prevalent throughout the State. It is the highest evidence of the virtue of the principles of Masonry, that when they are understood and sincerely adopted as the faith of the Craft and their rule of conduct, that discord and dissension can find neither "a local habitation nor a name." When it is understood that, under all the trials, dangers and vicissitudes to which our Order has been subjected, in the darkest hours of ignorance and persecution—when loyalty to the brotherhood was a reproach, and its members were suspected and reprobated—the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania maintained its in-

tegrity and vitality, we cannot fail to understand the inestimable value of its unity and harmony. We owe to this history of the past much of our present position. True, there were then among the brethren some whose fears weakened their faith and interfered with their duty, whose allegiance wavered and who failed in the moral courage to resist the assaults upon the Fraternity, yet their example served only to strengthen the steadfast; and out of the teachings of that bitter experience, the beauty and strength of to-day were matured and are now ripening to a perpetuity. During my past year of service in this chair my efforts have been strenuously directed towards maintaining this peace, concord, and unity throughout my jurisdiction; the uninterrupted harmony which exists, and the almost unanimous vote by which you re-elected me to this elevated position, attest that my endeavors have been successful and meet the approval of the Fraternity. It will be my aim, as it is my duty, to continue these efforts, and to preserve Masonry in Pennsylvania in its present harmonious and lofty position. The lessons thus taught are of value: important to us in our Masonic character, in our social relations, and in our obligations as citizens, because they induce differences of opinion to be surrendered to the influences which promote harmony and confraternity, and show the great strength of institutions supported by the combined influence of all, whatever douhts or differences may have previously existed. The lesson taught within the Lodge should be practiced out of it: the harmony, the concord there existing, can and should be made to exist in every department of life: the concessions made, the relinquishments of opinion, and the cheerful acquiescence in every result, are but the contrihutions which each member of society is expected to place upon its altar. Masonry is everywhere conservative. While the Mason, on entering within its portals, receives the assurance that he will there find nothing repugnant to his morals nor the laws of his country, a proper observance of them is expected from him. Each Past-Master, before he can he installed in the chair, is required to promise publicly in the presence of all the brethren, "To be a peaceable citizen, and cheerfully conform to the laws of the country in which he resides. Not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme Legislature. To pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men." He who will not make such promise cannot become a Past-Master, while a compliance with it cannot fail to make him a good citizen, and to discharge faithfully all the proper obligations of society. Let me invoke from you an implicit ohedience to the laws of the land in which you live; and let me remind my brethren who are Pennsylvania Masons, that the Convention which formed the Constitution of the United States—a Constitution intended to regulate, preserve and perpetuate the Union of the States—was presided over by one of our most eminent and honored brethren, George Washington; while prominent and useful

amongst its members was one who was foremost in introducing Masonry into Pennsylvania, Br. Benjamin Franklin. I commend their work as a precious legacy to be kept and guarded by you as an inestimable jewel, and you should repress any attempt whenever made to weaken or to destroy the bond of Union that binds together, in the brotherhood of liberty, the whole American people. I speak thus to you, because the spirit of strife and discord is about in our country; and your example and influence may do much to retard its progress. The Masons of Pennsylvania are selected men. Every Mason has had the unanimous approval of his brethren of the Lodge; and such men must have influence in the community—influence to which their high character entitles them, and which should be used to obtain from all men the discipline, subordination, obedience and conformity which are taught within the temple of Masonry. During the past year warrants have been granted to eight new Lodges, as follows:

Freedom Lodge, No. 328, Harford, Susquehanna Co.; Israel L. Craft Lodge, No. 329, Greensboro, Green Co.; Salem Lodge, No. 330, Salem, Wayne Co.; Fort Ligonier Lodge, No. 331, Ligonier, Westmoreland Co.; Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, Plymouth, Luzerne Co.; Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allentown, Lehigh Co.; Union Lodge, No. 334, Bradford, McKean Co.; Eureka Lodge, No. 335, Montourville, Lycoming Co.

All of these have been properly constituted, and are flourishing. Applications for three new warrants are yet under the consideration of the Grand Officers, viz.: Factoryville, Monongahela, and Gettysburg. The whole number of Lodges is 168, while the number of members throughout the jurisdiction is about the same as last year. The number of dispensations has been:

To Enter, Pass and Raise, 5; to Pass and Raise, 7; to Raise, 6; to Pass the Chair, 69.

And the number of Grand Lodge Certificates issued 38. The finances of the Grand Lodge are steadily improving; and it is and should be the desire of every one to see her free from all pecuniary obligations. We have erected a temple worthy of its purpose, and creditable to the Fraternity, and while it is encumbered by its unliquidated cost, our means should be economized for so desirable an object. The day will come—we hope it is not far distant—when the revenues of the Grand Lodge may be in a condition for other objects in harmony with our institution, from participation in which heretofore a just consideration of the claims of creditors has properly kept it. It has been my desire to visit as many Lodges in the State as opportunity would permit; but public engagements prevented my accomplishing this desire as fully as was intended. I shall, however, make such necessary arrangements, as will enable me in the coming year to effect this object. It is the duty of the Grand Master, without more formality than all wish to see observed, as sanctioned by the ancient rules and regulations, to hold direct communication with

the constituents of the Grand Lodge, in the several localities, whenever it can conveniently be done. My predecessors have from time to time adopted this course with much advantage, and I fully agree to the wisdom of the proper performance of this duty. To bring the subordinate Lodges into kindly relations with the Grand Officers, to superintend the work, to give advice, caution and instruction, is worthy of our earnest effort. Much misunderstanding is thus avoided; regularity in labor; uniformity in essentials; the prevention of any, however slight, innovations; the correction of errors; the explanation of difficulties; the avoidance of conflicting views, and the fostering influence of kindness and brotherly love, are thus obtained. Such results are sufficient to ensure for visitations the warmest welcome, while to make them for such objects should be the only motive. In appointing Brethren to represent the Grand Master in the different districts of the State, to fill the important positions of Deputy Grand Master, my desire has been to select upright, prudent, conciliatory, capable and experienced Brethren, and I invoke the Craft to regard these officers as their Masonic overseers, charged with that care and watchfulness over the fold committed to them which our regulations enjoin. Submit to them in sincere devotion to the good of the Fraternity. Let no discontent, nor jealousies from any cause, interfere with their usefulness in the stern and just discharge of their duties. There are means to be adopted, recognized as regular, by which their errors, if committed, may be speedily and effectually corrected. These officers are animated by a devotion in common with all true Masons, and can have no interest apart or at variance from that of the Order. I desire, Brethren, to awaken in your minds a due sense of the impropriety of admitting into your Lodges those who are not sensible of the character of the obligations which rest on them as members of a Society devoted to the loftiest principles of truth, honor, and cordial brotherhood. Masonry is not a name to be used for selfish, personal, or interested purposes; and he who enters into membership with any such conceptions of its uses, is unworthy of the rights and privileges he seeks. Too much care cannot be taken in all the preparatory steps to such admission, and I charge you carefully to criticise all applications for membership, as an important part of the duty enjoined on you. See that it is discharged with diligence and truth. It is of great importance to the peace and harmony of the Order, that detraction, evil-speaking one of another, should be discontinued. The harmony which should ever prevail among the members of Lodges is best preserved when no encouragement is given to the tongue of slander, however silvery its tone. To wound unjustifiably the feelings of a Brother is an injury to the Masonic body: but to do injustice to a Brother, is a Masonic crime. I speak to you on this subject by way of caution, only to warn you of the evils that thus arise, and to suggest that the amplest restitution for an unwarranted injustice or injury is rarely able to restore the truly good feeling that had pre-

viously existed. In this connection let me remark, that in dealing with an offending Brother for just cause, we should seek to avoid every consideration but the best interests of the Lodge and the member. There are often explanations which, frankly and honorably made, would tend very much to remove misunderstandings and terminate a controversy. We should seek all such means to avert the hasty result which follow hasty and *ex parte* action. Go to the Brother who has offended you and agree with him, if you can thereby save him from reproaches, or a reconciliation is possible and proper. It gives me pleasure to know that the relations between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and all the Grand Lodges of the United States are of the most friendly character. All bound in a common heritage of fraternal sympathy and harmony, it is the duty of each and all to cultivate these relations without impairing their independence. Masonry is universal—it belongs to mankind: its objects and aims are identical in every country and clime: there can be, therefore, no reason why the separate organizations of the Craft should not be united in the bonds of fellowship and harmony. The proceedings of the Grand Lodges referred to, manifest their entire appreciation of this feeling. May it ever continue! We wish them happiness and prosperity. I cannot close these remarks without expressing my satisfaction at the removal of the obstacles which separated this Grand Lodge from intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York. Our committee of correspondence deserves the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the able and judicious manner in which it performed the delicate duty devolving on it in this adjustment. And now, my Brethren, let me commend you to the guardianship of the great Grand Master of the Universe, with my best and sincere wishes that your works, during your sojourn in this world, in the Lodge and without it, may be such as will entitle you to a place at His right hand in the Grand Lodge of Eternity, in "the *house*, not built with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the year:

Grand Chaplains.

Rev. Brothers John Chambers, Wm. H. Reese, W. H. Odenheimer, T. S. Johnson, H. W. Ducachet, W. Suddards, W. Cooper, Daniel Washburne, Peter Russell.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

No. 1. Brother Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon, and Lodge No. 309 at Downingtown.

No. 2. Brother Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata and Perry.

No. 3. Brother ———, of Reading, for Berks county, and Lodge No. 254 at Pottstown, and Lodge No. 310 at Perkiomen Bridge.

No. 4. Brother George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill.

No. 5. Brother James M. Porter, of Easton, for Northampton, Monroe, Wayne and Pike counties.

No. 6, Brother William Lilly, of Mauch Chunk, for Carbon, Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327 at Hazleton.

No. 7. Brother Sharp D. Lewis, of Wilkesbarre, for Luzerne county.

No. 8. Brother George C. Welker, of Sunbury, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union and Snyder counties.

No. 9. Brother Harrison T. Beardsley, of Lock Haven, for Lycoming and Centre.

No. 10. Brother John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, for Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton.

No. 11. Brother Wm. A. Porter, for Washington, Greene, Fayette, and Somerset counties.

No. 12. Brother A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburg, for Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.

No. 13. Brother John M. Irvine, of Sharon, for Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

No. 14. Brother Ammi Bond, of Conneautville, for Erie, Crawford, Warren and Venango counties.

No. 15. Brother Robert E. Brown, of Kittanning, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana.

No. 16. Brother George H. Bull, of Towanda, for Bradford, Wyoming, Tioga, Susquehanna and Sullivan counties.

Senior Grand Deacon, Brother Gustavus Remak; Junior Grand Deacon, Brother John L. Goddard; Grand Stewards, Brothers Adam Maag, James Ferguson; Grand Marshal, Brother J. Loudenslager; Grand Sword Bearer, Brother Charles Bard Reess; Grand Pursuivant, Brother George H. Ashton; Grand Tyler, Brother Wm. B. Schnider.

Committee of Finance.

Brothers Wm. Whitney, John L. Goddard, Michael Nisbet, R. Clark, F. Lennig.

Committee of Correspondence.

Brothers Richard Vaux, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Ed. Robins, John U. Giller.

Committee on Landmarks.

Brothers Josiah Randall, Wm. Barger, Peter Williamson, with the R. W. G. Master, and R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Committee on Appeals.

Brothers J. Page, C. Gilpin, Wm. Curtis, George W. Hufty, Charles L. Cornman.

Committee on By-laws.

Brothers Wm. H. Adams, A. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Robert Frazer, Samuel C. Perkins.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Brothers Jos. S. Riley, Daniel M. Fox, Charles Frismuth, H. C. Howell, George Thomson.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Brothers Joseph Moore, John Allen, Alex. Purves, M. Richards Muckle, John Bolt.

ALMONERS GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Brothers George Smith, N. L. Hatfield, Harman Baugh and A. R. Foering.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bro. N. B. Mosely....	Lodge No.	2.	Bro. B. F. Jackson....	Lodge No.	126.
" Geo. Thomson...	"	3.	" E. P. Lescure....	"	130.
" James Kelly.....	"	9.	" N. B. Penrose*..	"	131.
" J. K. Murphy....	"	19.	" T. Roney.....	"	134.
" M. Bouvier.....	"	51.	" John Martin.....	"	155.
" J. Ferguson.....	"	52.	" G. H. Oliver.....	"	158.
" J. M. Davenport.	"	59.	" G. P. Little.....	"	186.
" J. Wagner.....	"	67.	" W. C. Parsons...	"	187.
" W. L. Bladen....	"	71.	" M. Cartwright .	"	211.
" Abraham West..	"	72.	" H. Christian*....	"	230.
" S. C. Perkins....	"	91.	" A. T. Jones.....	"	246.
" Wm. P. Hamm..	"	114.	" A. Reinstein.....	"	271.
" J. Beenken.....	"	115.	" J. W. Horner....	"	274.
" R. H. Campbell..	"	121.	" G. Phillips.....	"	289.
" G. K. Zeigler....	"	125.	" W. Elliot.....	"	295.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Brother John M. Davenport, Deputy Grand Secretary.

The following Report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1859.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In obedience to the 4th Section of the 7th Article of the By-laws of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," the undersigned submits the annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Almoners for the fiscal year ending December 1st, 1859.

The several appropriations made by the Trustees of the Grand

* The R. W. G. M. subsequently appointed Brother George Alkins in place of Brother N. B. Penrose, who resigned the appointment; and Brother Ed. C. Graeff, in place of Brother H. Christian, who had resigned from his Lodge, Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Lodge Charity Fund for distribution by the Board of Almoners, during the past year, amounts to the sum of.....$1,500 00
Add to which, balance in hand Dec. 1, 1858..... 14 65

Amounting to $1,514 65

The disbursements have been as follows, to wit:

On sixty-two applications from widows of deceased brethren	$1,385 00	
On three applications from daughters of deceased brothers	65 00	
On one application from a mother of a deceased brother	25 00	
Total amount expended.....		1,475 00
Leaving a balance for distribution to the first Tuesday in January, 1860.....		$85 35

The money thus appropriated was distributed as follows, to wit:

To widows and orphans of members of Lodges contributing to the Fund.....	$605 00	
To do. Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	525 00	
To Lodges located in the United States.....	205 00	
" " " Ireland	40 00	
" " " Belgium	20 00	
" " " Prussia	10 00	
" " " Island of Granada.....	20 00	
Making total amount.....		$1,475 00

By the above statement it will be seen that the sum of $655.00 has been paid to widows and orphans of brethren who had been members of Lodges contributing directly to this fund; five hundred and twenty-five dollars to widows and orphans of members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who do not contribute directly to the fund from which the donations were made, claiming, however, a right to receive out of the amount annually appropriated to the fund by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (the interest of which if distributed *pro rata* to the Lodges would be a sum less than five dollars,) the above, with the sum of $295.00 paid to applicants from Lodges out of this jurisdiction, makes up the amount expended by the representatives of the six Lodges contributing to this fund, with the concurrence of the members of the Board representing the Grand Lodge. The attention of the Fraternity having been called to the importance of all the Lodges within the city limits uniting in

this mode of distributing their charities, in our previous reports, also, by a convention of delegates from the different Lodges, where a lucid and able report and statement detailing the acts and doings of this Board was made, as well as the advantages derived therefrom, it is deemed, therefore, unnecessary at this time to present any other than the above plain statement of facts, leaving it to the united wisdom of the Grand Lodge, to so alter and amend the laws creating and controlling the action of the Board of Almoners, or to devise some new method of distributing the charities of the Fraternity, which may meet with a more general and favorable consideration by the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted by

PETER FRITZ, *Prest. Board of Almoners of Grand Lodge.*

The Annual Report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE "STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND."

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," respectfully submits the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending December 27, 1859.

In the performance of their official duty, they have granted relief to 77 "poor and respectable brethren," to wit:

To 55 applicants hailing under this jurisdiction.....				$1,600 00
22	"	"	from foreign do. to wit:	
1 from	Rhode Island.....		$20 00	
2 "	Connecticut		30 00	
1 "	Massachusetts		10 00	
1 "	New York		10 00	
2 "	Delaware		25 00	
1 "	Maryland		15 00	
1 "	Virginia		30 00	
1 "	North Carolina.....		10 00	
1 "	South Carolina.....		10 00	
1 "	Mississippi		25 00	
1 "	Texas		30 00	
2 "	Ohio		25 00	
1 "	Canada West		20 00	
4 "	England		65 00	
1 "	Scotland		10 00	
1 "	Algiers		25 00	
				380 00
Total				$1,980 00

Balance on hand, as per last Annual Report	$105 00
Amount appropriated for the use of Stewards	2,000 00
Total	$2,105 00
From which deduct total amount of relief granted	1,980 00
Leaves a balance on hand, December 27th, 1859	$125 00

Of the applicants above referred to hailing under this jurisdiction, three died during the year. Among the Stewards, no death has occurred. And the undersigned has the pleasure to state that the meetings of the sub-committees, as well as those of the general board, have been, throughout the year, well attended; evincing a laudable zeal on the part of the Stewards in carrying out the beneficent design of the worthy testator.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

The Grand Secretary furnished the following list of Lodges:

LIST OF LODGES UNDER THIS JURISDICTION AND WHERE HELD.

Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia; Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia; Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg; Lodge No. 22, Sunbury; Bristol Lodge, No. 25, Bristol; Lodge No. 43, Lancaster; Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh; Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia; Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Philadelphia; Washington Lodge, No. 59, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 60, Brownsville; Lodge No. 61, Wilkesbarre; Lodge No. 62, Reading; Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia; Rural Amity Lodge, No. 70, Athens; Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, Philadelphia; Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, Philadelphia; Phœnix Lodge, No. 75, Phœnixville; Hiram Lodge, No. 81, Germantown; Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 106, Williamsport; Union Lodge, No. 108, Towanda; Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, Philadelphia; St. John's Lodge, No. 115, Philadelphia; Union Lodge, No. 121, Philadelphia; Hermann Lodge, No. 125, Philadelphia; Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, Philadelphia; Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, Philadelphia; Industry Lodge, No. 131, Philadelphia; Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia; Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, Manayunk; Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Orwigsburg; George Washington Lodge, No. 143, Chambersburg; Charity Lodge, No. 144, Lewisburg; Easton Lodge, No. 152, Easton; Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, Waynesburg; Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, Philadelphia; Washington Lodge, No. 156, Chest's Level; Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, Philadelphia; Evergreen Lodge No. 163, Monroetown; Washington Lodge, No. 164, Washington; Gummert Lodge, No. 252, Fayette City; Washington Lodge, No. 253, Pittsburgh; Stichter Lodge, No. 254, Pottstown; Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Shamokin; Milton Lodge, No. 256, Milton; W. Crawford Lodge, No. 258, Conneautville; Union Lodge, No. 259,

New Brighton; St. John's Lodge, No. 260, Carlisle; Hiram Lodge, No. 261, Providence; Orrstown Lodge, No. 262, Orrstown; Franklin Lodge, No. 263, Laceyville; Columbus Lodge, No. 264, Columbus; Washington Lodge, No. 265, Bloomsburg; York Lodge, No. 266, York; Swatara Lodge, No. 267, Tremont; Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, Bellefonte; Monongahela Lodge, No. 269, Birmingham; Page Lodge, No. 270, Schuylkill Haven; Keystone Lodge, No. 271, Philadelphia; Butler Lodge, No. 272, Butler; Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Morgan's Corner; Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, Philadelphia; Loyalhanna Lodge, No. 275, Latrobe; Hobah Lodge, No. 276, Brookville; Clarion Lodge, No. 277, Clarion; Cambria Lodge, No. 278, Johnstown; Newcomb Lodge, No. 279, Carmichaels; Harmony Lodge, No. 280, Canton; Mountain Lodge, No. 281, Altoona; Juniata Lodge, No. 282, Hollidaysburg; Bethlehem Lodge, No. 283, Bethlehem; Porter Lodge, No. 284, Catasauqua; Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, St. Clair; Columbia Lodge, No. 286, Columbia; Milnor Lodge, No. 287, Pittsburgh; Jefferson Lodge, No. 288, Allegheny; Orient Lodge, No. 289, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 290, West Greenville; Union Lodge, No. 291, Scranton; Lodge No. 292, Frankford; Lodge No. 294, Ashland; Melita Lodge, No. 295, Philadelphia; Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, Philadelphia; Integrity Lodge, No. 187, Philadelphia; Charity Lodge, No. 190, Norristown; Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, Selin's Grove; Lodge No. 197, Carlisle; Lafayette Lodge, No. 199, Lock Haven; Lewistown Lodge, No. 202, Lewistown; Kensington Lodge, No. 211, Philadelphia; Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Pottsville; Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, Honesdale; St. John's Lodge, No. 219, Pittsburgh; Portage Lodge, No. 220, Hollidaysburg; Franklin Lodge, No. 221, Pittsburgh; Franklin Lodge, No. 222, Minersville; Allegheny Lodge, No. 223, Allegheny; Danville Lodge, No. 224, Danville; Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, Greensburg; Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Lebanon; Chandler Lodge, No. 227, Reading; Fayette Lodge, No. 228, Uniontown; Rochester Lodge, No. 229, Rochester; Richmond Lodge, No. 230, Philadelphia; Solomon's Lodge, No. 231, Pittsburgh; La Belle Valle Lodge, No. 232, Jersey Shore; St. John's Lodge, No. 233, Meadville; Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, Erie; Chester Lodge, No. 236, Chester; Chandler Lodge, No. 237, Beallsville; Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Tamaqua; Armstrong Lodge, No. 239, Freeport; Warren Lodge, No. 240, Warren; North Star Lodge, No. 241, Warren; Carbon Lodge, No. 242, Mauch Chunk; Lodge, No. 243, New Castle; Lodge No. 244, Kittanning; Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, Doylestown; Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, Philadelphia; Friendship Lodge, No. 247, Covington; Temple Lodge, No. 248, Tunkhannock; Carbondale Lodge, No. 249, Carbondale; Sharon Lodge, No. 250, Sharon; Hebron Lodge, No. 251, Mercer; Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, Germantown; Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg; G. W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, Media; Muncy Lodge, No. 299, Muncy; Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon; Waverly Lodge, No. 301, Waverly; Eureka Lodge, No. 302, Mechanicsburg; Oil Creek Lodge, No. 303, Titusville; Western Star Lodge, No. 304, Albion; Hawley Lodge, No. 305, Hawley; Trojan Lodge, No. 306, Troy; Williamson Lodge, No. 307, Womelsdorf; Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington; Will-

iamson Lodge, No. 309, Downingtown; Warren Lodge, No. 310, Perkiomen Bridge; Mount Bethel Lodge, No. 311, Williamsburg; Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg; Indiana Lodge, No. 313, Indiana; Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Clearfield; Cumberland Valley Lodge, No. 315, Shippensburg; Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Franklin; Ossea Lodge, No. 317, Wellsboro; McKinley Lodge, No. 318, Allegheny; Adams Lodge, No. 319, Bloomfield; Bedford Lodge, No. 320, Bedford; Hailman Lodge, No. 321, East Liberty; West Chester Lodge, No. 322, West Chester; P. Williamson Lodge, No. 323, Scranton; Union Lodge, No. 324, Mifflin; Barger Lodge, No. 325, Stroudsburg; Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, Trexlertown; Hazel Lodge, No. 327, Hazleton; Freedom Lodge, No. 328, Hartford; Greensboro Lodge, No. 329, Greensboro; Salem Lodge, No. 330, Wayne; Ligonier Lodge, No. 331, Westmoreland; Plymouth Lodge, No. 332, Luzerne; Allentown Lodge, No. 333, Lehigh; Bradford Lodge, No. 334, McKean; Montoursville Lodge, No. 335, Lycoming; Gettysburg Lodge, No. 336, Adams.

The Grand Secretary also furnished the following list of Lodges that have ceased to exist, to wit:

Nos. 1, 4, 13, 53, 73, 127, 128, 139 and 160, were held in Philadelphia.

The warrant of No. 1, (being also No. 89 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of London) is that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and became vacant Sept. 25, 1786.

Nos. 5, 14, 18, 33, 44, 63 and 96, were held in the State of Delaware, and some of them helped to form the Grand Lodge of that State. Another Lodge, No. 18, was held in a British Regiment of Foot, from which the last Communication was received from Shelburne, in June 1786. The vacancy was filled by the No. 18 above-mentioned.

Nos. 6, 7, 15, 17, 29, 34, 35 and 37 were held in Maryland, and a portion of them assisted in forming the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Nos. 10, 23 and 32 were held in New Jersey, and joined the Grand Lodge of that State.

No. 19 was held in the First Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery, in the United States service; warrant surrendered in 1784, and vacancy filled by the present No. 19.

No. 20 was the North Carolina Regimental Lodge, vacated 1783.

Nos. 27, 38, 40 and 47, held at Charleston, and joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Another No. 27 was a military Lodge held in the Maryland Line, vacated 1783.

Nos. 12, 39 and 41 were held in Virginia; the two former joined the Grand Lodge of that State.

Nos. 28 and 29 were held in the Pennsylvania Line, and No. 36 in the New Jersey Brigade.

No. 42 was held at Savannah, and joined the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Nos. 47, (a second of that number) 87, 88, 89, 95, 97, 98 and 99, were held in St. Domingo.

No. 58 was held in the Army of the United States, and nearly all

the members, it is said, were killed in the expedition under General St. Clair.

No. 77 was held at Port d'Espagne, Trinidad.

No. 78 was held at Old Mingo Town, N. W. Territory.

Nos. 90, 93, 112, 117, 118, 122 and 129, were held at New Orleans, and all but the first-mentioned joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Nos. 103, 157, 161, 166, 167, 175 and 181, were held in Cuba, and a portion of them joined the Grand Lodge of Havana.

No. 105, held at Zanesville, joined the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

No. 107 was held at Kaskaskia, Illinois, No. 109 at St. Genevieve, and No. 111 at St. Louis, Mo.

No. 191 was held at Alvardo, in Mexico, No. 205 at Buenos Ayres, and No. 217 at Monte Video, South America.

From No. 8 to No. 257, inclusive of all not otherwise mentioned, were held in different parts of the State, and have ceased from various causes.

The Number of the Warrant last issued is 327; of this number of Lodges 167 have ceased, 159 are now in operation, and Nos. 140, 257 and 293 were never constituted.

The Grand Secretary furnished the following list showing the Admissions, Initiations, Suspensions and Expulsions; the Number of Members in each Lodge, and the Rejections up to December 27, 1858:

DECEMBER 27, 1858.

No. of Lodge.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Susp. or Exp.	Members.	Rejected.
2	1	6	7	153	1
3	3	5	8	222	2
9	..	2	15	130	..
19	1	3	21	275	..
21	5	21	1	133	3
22	..	1	1	50	..
25	1	2	7	90	1
43	1	27	9	198	3
45	..	8	3	108	2
51	3	11	5	138	..
52	..	8	20	151	3
59	..	9	..	79	..
60	17	4	3	79	11
61	1	11	..	103	8
62	1	27	..	240	5
67	1	5	6	185	5
71	..	9	13	177	..
72	1	3	8	154	..
75	3	5	2	69	1
81	1	7	19	78	..
91	..	5	5	80	..
106	2	5	..	105	2

No. of Lodge.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Susp. or Exp.	Members.	Rejected.
108	12	8	1	105	1
114	1	4	9	161	2
115	1	12	1	142	6
121	2	14	3	149	1
125	4	9	6	117	3
126	2	6	10	199	3
130	..	11	8	234	..
131	5	8	5	93	..
134	1	1	6	126	..
135	..	19	5	103	1
138	3	4	1	42	..
143	2	11	..	73	2
144	3	7	11	61	3
152	3	13	6	121	1
155	7	7	18	247	1
153	3	14	..	53	..
158	3	17	8	288	2
164	..	7	10	59	3
186	1	10	16	293	1
187	3	6	3	164	1
190	2	13	6	99	4
194	2	4	..	50	..
197	1	8	3	68	..
199	2	8	..	95	..
203	2	6	..	76	1
211	..	7	5	214	..
216	6	13	..	127	13
218	3	4	4	53	..
219	4	14	7	132	4
220	1	1	..	91	1
221	2	12	..	106	4
222	5	4	..	49	..
223	4	8	..	82	2
225	1	12	1	89	2
226	..	9	..	111	..
227	..	10	4	155	2
228	3	5	16	57	..
230	1	13	7	85	..
231	..	8	3	54	1
232	5	16	..	56	2
233	14	8	7	70	..
235	2	8	..	49	2
236	4	6	1	97	..
237	..	4	..	50	..
238	2	7	1	50	2
240	..	11	..	107	..
241	2	5	8	51	8

No. of Lodge.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Susp. or Exp.	Members.	Rejected.
242	..	6	..	100	..
243	2	4	1	37	..
244	2	10	..	72	1
245	1	17	..	96	..
246	1	3	10	167	..
247	..	5	21	40	..
248	..	10	11	54	1
249	2	12	3	83	1
250	..	2	6	16	..
251	1	11	5	35	2
252	4	6	..	54	..
253	..	4	2	44	1
254	..	3	3	61	..
255	2	6	14	31	..
256	1	1	6	56	..
258	2	3	7	64	..
259	2	2	..	28	..
260	1	7	5	60	..
261	..	11	..	77	..
262	1	4	1	20	..
263	..	4	1	39	..
264	4	8	5	38	..
265	..	1	1	65	..
266	1	11	..	60	1
267	..	5	..	45	..
268	1	5	..	62	..
269	..	10	..	59	2
270	..	9	..	35	..
271	..	3	1	113	..
272	..	2	2	33	1
273	..	5	..	32	..
274	..	13	7	85	..
275	1	10	1	52	2
276	1	5	..	48	..
277	1	1	8	46	..
278	1	5	..	60	..
279	2	9	2	42	..
281	23	20	..	103	3
282	..	10	..	46	1
283	..	4	1	46	..
284	2	3	..	53	1
285	..	1	..	26	..
286	..	7	1	78	1
287	1	9	9	84	2
288	..	4	1	39	1
289	3	17	7	82	..
290	..	1	2	28	..

No. of Lodge.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Susp. or Exp.	Members.	Rejected.
291	5	17	13	73	..
292	..	18	5	91	..
294	2	11	2	51	5
295	1	16	4	109	..
296	2	12	1	61	..
297	3	17	1	30	..
298	1	7	..	26	..
299	1	7	..	36	..
300	5	14	..	28	7
301	1	4	1	35	..
302	1	7	..	34	..
303	..	..	..	20	1
304	..	8	..	17	2
305	..	4	..	33	..
306	4	16	..	39	1
307	..	8	..	39	2
308	3	7	..	23	..
309	1	13	..	21	..
310	..	7	..	17	..
311	..	8	..	21	..
312	6	14	..	29	..
313	1	7	..	24	..
314	15	10	..	25	..
315	10	6	..	16	..
316	13	23	..	36	1
317	17	10	..	26	1
318	35	5	..	40	1
319	9	7	..	16	..
320	11	9	..	20	1
321	8	13	..	20	..
322	13	6	..	18	..
323	16	1	..	16	..
324	19	..	..	19	..
325	14	4	..	18	..
326	8	..	..	12	..
	454	1,225	518	11,983	168

The R. W. G. Master, Brother H. M. Phillips, prepared and caused to be sent by R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother W. H. Adams, the following circular addressed to the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge:

MASONIC HALL, PHILADELPHIA,
December , A. D. 18 , A. L. 18 .

To the District Deputy Grand Master of District No.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Right Worshipful Grand Master has directed me to forward to you the following Instructions:

You will keep the record-book now sent you, and insert therein, everything relating to Masonry occurring within your district, which you deem important or useful to be known. Your visits to the Lodges and each application for a dispensation, together with your action thereon, should be carefully entered. The book is the property of the Grand Lodge and must be sent to the Grand Secretary for the examination of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, before the 10th December next.

When application is made to you for a dispensation *for any purpose*, you will endorse thereon your action, and immediately forward the application to the Grand Secretary.

When an application is made to you for a dispensation to Enter, Pass and Raise, or to do either of them, you will be careful to see the applicant *personally*, to read to him carefully the application, and to be assured that in these respects, himself and his application are right.

Such dispensation must be granted only to a resident of the District of which you have charge, and be for no other reason than that set forth in the form published in the Ahiman Rezon at page 104, to wit: "It appearing that he is about to leave the State, and cannot wait the usual delays required by your by-laws,"—and in every case you must receive and pay to the Grand Lodge, the price of any dispensation granted to you. In every case you must be satisfied with the cause of delay, in making the application, and this explanation should be entered upon the record-book of your district.

A dispensation to Pass the Chair, should be granted only to a Master Mason of six months standing, belonging to a Lodge within your District, and to be acted upon in that Lodge only. You must satisfy yourself that the applicant is sufficiently advanced to do the work of the Chair, that being the original qualification for this privilege.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master expects, and will require a strict compliance with these regulations, which are established by him for the purpose of uniform action throughout the Jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,

—— ———, *Grand Secretary.*

The R. W. Grand Master also prepared the following Circular, and directed the R. W. Grand Secretary to transmit it to each Master of a subordinate lodge in this Masonic jurisdiction.

MASONIC HALL, PHILADELPHIA,
January , 1860, A. L. 5860.

To ———, *Worshipful Master, Lodge No.* —.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Right Worshipful Grand Master has established the following Regulations, which you will have read in your Lodge, and spread upon its minutes at the next meeting after receipt of this, and which he expects you will see duly enforced:

"The Secretary of each Lodge within this jurisdiction is required, immediately after the meeting at which any such transaction occurs, to transmit to the Grand Secretary, properly attested with the seal of the Lodge, a Statement, of each application for initiation or membership; of each dispensation acted upon, specifying the full action of the Lodge, the name, age, residence and occupation of the person acted upon; of each suspension, rejection, or unfavorable report.

"And further, it shall be the duty of the Committee appointed upon an application for initiation or membership, to see the applicant personally, to read to him carefully his application, and to be assured that in these respects, himself and his application are right."

Fraternally yours,

—— ——, *Grand Secretary.*

Applications for new Lodges at Port Richmond, Phila. Co. and at East Whiteland, Chester County, Penna., at a point on the railroad known as Garrett's Slideing were read and on motion referred to the Grand Lodge Officers with power to act.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at quarter before One o'clock, Noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 1860, A. L. 5860.

Quarterly Grand Communication, Grand Lodge of Penna.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. John M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. Robert Clark, S. G. D. James Ferguson, J. G. D. Charles B. Reese, G. S. Bearer. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Edward Strickland and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. William W. Thomson, G. Pursuivant. Peter Williamson, James Page, William Whitney and S. H. Perkins, P. G. M.'s. John Cresswell, Jr., Charles M. Howell, R. A. Lamberton and William A. Porter, D. D. G. M.'s.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, English, Skerrett, Maguire, Martin, Thomson. No. 9, Duffield, Kelly, Palmer, Leach, Burnell. No. 19, Thomas, Beaumont, Haines, Murphy, Goodall, Wright. No. 21, Lamberton, Muench. No. 25, Scott, Vanzant. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Lewis, Bell, Allen, Marshall, Whitney. No. 52, Wilson, Sr., Wilson, Jr., Ferguson, Hoopes, Wood, Day. No. 59, Adams, Notson, Coburn, Taylor, Macpherson, Gibson. No. 67, Van Osten, Baugh, Bolt, Wood, Loudenslager, Worthington, Reese, Rutherford, Martien. No. 71, Jones, Schnider, D. B. Jones, Golden. No. 72, Thomas, White, Ashton, Phillips. No. 81, Piper, Davis, Williams, Miles, Shriver. No. 91, S. C. and S. H. Perkins, Barry, Krider, Mustin, Hinchman. No. 106, Hayes. No. 114, Kingston, Morrell, Hamm, Clark, Thomson, Boyd, Stokley. No. 115, Adams, Heimberger, Kraft.

No. 121, Lennig, Ireland. No. 125, Maag, Philipp. No. 126, Bell, De Groote, Miller. No. 130, Van Houten, Sutter, Strickland, Riley, Young. No. 131, Squires, Alkins, Moore, Martin. No. 134, Williamson, Maas, Roney, King. No. 135, Dykes. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Martin, Megary, Woodbury, Allen. No. 156, Smedley. No. 158, Weatherly, Walker, Funk, Jones. No. 186, Steveuson, Filson, Little. No. 187, Cree, Neill, Zimmerman, Albertson, Parsons, Fulmer. No. 197, Humerich. No. 211, Page, Dickinson, Whiteman, Lee, Peall, Cartwright. No. 220, Cresswell. No. 227, Durell, Quimby. No. 230, Gicker, Brittain, Graeffe, Ziegler. No. 236, Thomson, Lear, Holmes. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Randall, Masson, Hubbert. No. 269, Patterson. No. 271, Neall. No. 274, Letford, Jr., Peirson. No. 282, McFarlane. No. 289, White, Davis, Simpson, Phillips, Martin. No. 292, Stearne, Murphy. No. 295, Sinexon, Coleman. No. 296, Roberts. No. 311, Reimer. No. 318, Carr. No. 325, Jackson. No. 326, Rupp.

Proxies: No. 138, Adams; No. 143, English; No. 194, King; No. 199, Phillips; No. 222, Page; No. 251, Adams; No. 268, Phillips; No. 269, Ferguson; No. 285, Loudenslager; No. 317, Skerrett; No. 330, Baugh.

Fifty-nine Lodges represented, forty-eight by members, eleven by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held Dec. 5th, Extra Meeting held Dec. 19th, and Annual Communication held Dec. 27th, 1859, were also read and adopted.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 62 and 91, also copies of By-laws of Lodges 190, 255, 289, 298, 256 and No. 336 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Applications for new lodges to be held in Cochransville, Chester Co.; Harrisburg, Smethport, McKean Co.; Liverpool, Perry Co.; and Hyde Park, Luzerne Co., were read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Two communications were read from Bro. —— ——— one complaining of the action of Lodge No. 186 on his complaint against —— ——— a member of said Lodge, the other complaining of the action of Lodge No. 246 on his complaint against —— ——— a member of said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, both communications were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 3, setting forth the restoration of Bro. —— ——— to good Masonic Standing in the order. Entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 45 was read petitioning the Grand Lodge for permission to take a re-ballot on Mr. —— ———, also on Mr. —— ———, rejected applicants for Initiation and Membership in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the Petitioners was granted under the usual restrictions.

A letter from Lodge No. 60 was read * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 121, * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 121 was also read asking permission to receive a new application for Initiation and Membership from Mr. —— ——— who on a former application was reported unfavorably on by the Committee under a misapprehension. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted.

A communication from Hermann Lodge, No. 125, * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 143, setting forth that they had incurred a debt in the neighborhood of $4,500 for the purchase of and fitting up a New Hall and asking the Grand Lodge to remit the amount of dues owing to the present Masonic year. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Kensington Lodge, No. 211, * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— of Lodge No. 218, at Honesdale, complaining of the action of said Lodge in expelling him without sufficient cause. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 240, at Montrose, asking that the dues for the past and present year be remitted. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 281 asking a re-ballot. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287 asking permission to take another ballot. On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— formerly a member of the late Lodge No. 123 held in York, and had suspended its labors about the year 1830. He petitioned the Grand Lodge to put him in a position to enable him to join some other Lodge. On motion the communication was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 277 asking a remission of dues. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 279 requesting that a portion of their dues be remitted. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 291, at Scranton, asking for a re-ballot. After some little interchange of opinion it was on motion duly made and seconded, that Lodge No. 291 be permitted to take another ballot.

A printed circular petition was read asking aid to assist in the erection of a new hall in Skibbereen, Ireland. On motion the same was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 331 appointing Bro. James Palmer, of Lodge No. 9, Proxy for said Lodge in this Grand Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. James Palmer was acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge No. 331 and the communication ordered to be filed.

Lists of the Officers' names of the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Maine and Rhode Island were received and filed.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved, "to wit:"

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Lodge of Penna., respectfully submit the following quarterly report: We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Hall Committee from Nov. 24, 1859, to Feb. 10, 1860, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $546.52, all of which are correct. Also the account of the R. W. Grand Treasurer from Nov. 15, 1859, to Feb. 15, 1860, compared it with his books and vouchers and found it correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand as per last report	$1,249 47
Rents of Stores	3,333 34
" from Mark Lodges and Chapters	202 00
" and dues from Lodges	7,860 17
From Dispensations and Certificates	1,024 75
" Warrant	81 00
	$13,750 73

EXPENDITURES.

Orders of Grand Master	$346 26	
" " Hall Committee	571 02	
Interest on Masonic Loans	2,526 00	
Trustees of do. do.	2,803 00	
Grand Secretary's Salary	$312 50	
" Postage, Stationery and Expense of office	77 60	
	390 10	
Grand Tyler	43 50	
Printing	66 75	
Grand Treasurer office expenses	11 63	
Bal. of cash on hand	6,992 47	
		$13,750 73

We have also examined the accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary of payment of interest on Masonic Loans from Nov. 24, 1859, to February 22, 1860, as follows:

Bal. on $110,000 Loan as per last report	$499 50
Appropriation to pay interest due Jan. 1, 1860.....	2,526 00
	$3,025 50
Amount paid since.....	2,437 50
Bal. on hand Feb. 22.....	$588 00
Bal. on hand $41,000 Loan as per last report	$855 00
Amount paid since.....	214 50
Bal. on hand Feb. 22.....	$640 50

Both of which accounts have been compared with the books of the Grand Secretary and found correct. Your Committee have been informed by the Grand Treasurer that the Note for $1,284.36 given by —— ——— in settlement of his account with the Grand Lodge for the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1858 (which note fell due Dec. 28, 1859,) has not been paid. We therefore call the attention of the Grand Lodge to that fact that it may take such action as it deems proper. We have also acted upon the application of Bealsville Lodge, No. 237, asking for a remission of all dues prior to 1857. The inability of their Lodge to pay its dues to that period has been caused (it is said as appears from the papers before the Committee) by the absconding of their Treasurer with all their funds amounting to $315. Although the letters asking this remission are written as if demanding a right, instead of asking a favor and are not couched in such language as the child should use to the parent, being of rather a defiant nature, your Committee think it better to grant their request, as we believe the Lodge will be obliged to surrender its Warrant unless it gets the remission asked for. We therefore submit the annexed preamble and resolution and ask their adoption by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
MICHAEL NISBET, FREDK. LENNIG,
Committee of Finance.

PHIL., Mar. 5, 1860.

WHEREAS: it appears that Bealsville Lodge, No. 237 has been seriously crippled in its resources by the absconding of its Treasurer with all its funds therefore be it *Resolved*, that the sum of two hundred and seventy-six dollars and seventy-five cents being the amount of dues of said Lodge No. 237 to the Grand Lodge to 1857, be remitted to said Lodge, provided it pays the dues for 1857 and 1858 amounting to one hundred and thirty-one dollars on or before the first day of June next. On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing preamble and resolution were adopted.

On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that the matter of Brother P. G. Master —— ——'s indebtedness be referred back to the Committee of Finance and that they be required to get from him good and sufficient security within ten days from this time and if this is not obtained then to proceed forthwith and endeavor to collect the amount by legal proceedings. The Committee of Finance further reported as follows:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred two special communications at their last meeting, one from Mrs. Finly King, President of the Ladies' Washington National Monument Society, asking from this Grand Lodge an annual subscription for the purpose of aiding in raising a fund of some (of three hundred and odd thousand dollars) for the completion of the Washington National Monument now in course of construction in the City of Washington. The other a Letter from W. D. Haley, Esq., General Superintendent of the "American Masonic Home" about being established in the City of Washington asking the co-operation and aid of this Grand Lodge. The object of said institution as set forth in a pamphlet from the Regents of the same is to supply a deficiency which they say has long existed in American Freemasonry, in the want of a well endowed National Institution for the maintenance and education of the Widows and Orphans of American Freemasons. The plan they state has met with the hearty approval of many of the most illustrious of the Craft; and they hope the patient care bestowed upon organizing the movement will result in full success. Your Committee have given both these subjects their careful consideration and believe them well worthy of all patronage and encouragement, and they do most cheerfully and heartily commend them to the individual members of the order for their subscriptions as they may deem fit in furtherance of the objects desired to be obtained. But in consideration of the heavy indebtedness as well as the many and urgent calls for charitable purposes from within her own Jurisdiction, your Committee consider it would be inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to subscribe anything in aid of either of the objects referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
MICHAEL NISBET, FREDK. LENNIG,
Committee of Finance.

PHIL., Mar. 5, 1860.

Bros. William Whitney, Chairman of Committee of Finance, and William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, were to confer with Mrs. F. King and William D. Haley in relation to the action of the Grand Lodge on the two foregoing communications.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report which was approved and the resolutions appended thereto were severally adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received from interest and dividends since their last report presented March 7, A. L. 5859, the sum of..... $2,417 54

And from interest accrued on deposit in Penn. Comp. for Insurances on Lives, &c..... 32 12

$2,449 66

Agreeably to the resolution of this G. L. adopted at the Quarterly Communication in March last the Trustees have surrendered and transferred to the Treas. of the G. L. the following certificates of the Loans of the Grand Lodge, to wit: Nos. 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 23 certificates in all from Nos. 125 to 147 inclusive, amounting with interest to..... 11,683 37

To which add balance on deposit as per last report say.... 1,313 33

Making a total of..... $15,446 36

Of this sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treas. for the Stewards of Girard Charity Fund the sum of..... $2,000 00

And have invested in Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Stock the sum of..... 12,757 01

Leaving a balance on deposit to the credit of the Fund of..... 689 35

$15,446 36

The investments at the present time consists of $25,400 Masonic Loan at 6 per ct. $2,100 City 6's and 1, 242 shares of Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan. The Trustees offer the usual resolution for an appropriation to the use of the Stewards: *Resolved*, that the sum of $2,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1, A. L. 5861, to be drawn for in the usual manner. The Trustees offer the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and they are hereby authorized to surrender and transfer to the Treas. of the R. W. Grand Lodge from time to time such and so many of the

certificates of the Loan of this Grand Lodge as he may be prepared to redeem and that they invest the proceeds in other and productive securities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAML. H. PERKINS, DAVID BOYD,
On behalf of the Trustees of G. Bequest.

The following report was read and the resolution appended thereto adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Appeals to whom was referred the petitions of —— ——— and —— ——— rejected applicants in St. John's Lodge, No. 115, which said petitioners had received the favorable notice of the said Lodge and were accompanied by recommendations at its hands respectfully report the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that St. John's Lodge, No. 115, be permitted and authorized to take another ballot in the case of each of the above applicants due regard being had to Masonic Law and usage.

J. PAGE, *Chairman Committee of Appeals.*

The following report was read and the resolution appended thereto was adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the appeal of —— ——— from the action of Integrity Lodge, No. 187, in expelling him from membership and asking to be restored to his rights as a Mason respectfully report: that it appears from a certified copy of the minutes of the said Lodge that Bro. —— ——— was on motion expelled from membership for unmasonic conduct on the 13th of October, 1859. No specifications seem to have been preferred or presented to the accused at any time, nor does it appear he had even reasonable notice of the general charge vague and indefinite as it is, amounting in fact to no charge at all. The entire transaction grew out of the notorious squabbles at the Navy Yard among those who were there employed. When charges were made against some of them as to their honesty in the discharge of their duties in the stations they held under the General Government, Integrity Lodge instead of closing her doors to such matters rather willingly, certainly wrongfully, permitted the parties to pollute a Masonic atmosphere with their feuds and make her the instrument for the gratification of their personal animosities. The whole case is one of a repulsive character reflecting no credit upon the Lodge, all the personal actors in it seem to have forgotten, if they ever knew, their duty to Masonry. Her pure principles can never be upheld unless kept wholly and entirely clear from the demoralizing influences of political life. If the parties to the controversy are as bad as they represent each other to be the sooner the Lodge is rid of them the

better for it and Masonry. The whole affair is disgraceful and unmasonic, and Integrity Lodge deserves to be rebuked for the manner in which she allowed the controversy to be carried on in her Temple. The Committee submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the expulsion of Bro. —— ——— by Integrity Lodge, No. 187, was illegal and unmasonic. That the same be and is hereby reversed and the said Brother restored to membership therein.

Respectfully submitted.

J. PAGE, *Chairman Committee of Appeals.*

MAR. 3d, 1860.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was further *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be directed to send a copy of the report and resolution just adopted to Lodge No. 187 and that the same be read in open Lodge on the night it is handed in. So ordered. The following report was also read and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— as to the action of Kensington Lodge, No. 211, respectfully report, that the appeal of the Brother from the action of the Lodge touching the Initiation of an applicant was prematurely taken and the complaint of the W. M. of said Lodge seems to have been a misapprehension on the part of the appealing Brother. They offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Committee of Appeals be discharged from the further consideration of the subject and that said appeal and complaint be hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman Committee of Appeals.*

The following report was also read and the resolution appended thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the appeal and complaint of certain Brethren touching the removal of Friendship Lodge, No. 247, from Mansfield to Covington and the suspension of some of its members and after a careful examination of the facts have arrived at the conclusion that the proceedings are altogether irregular and unmasonic and they submit the following resolutions for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the removal of the Lodge from Mansfield to Covington was clearly illegal and unmasonic and in violation of the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon and that the said Lodge should be restored to its original location. *Resolved*, that all the members of said Lodge suspended without notice be restored to Masonic Standing.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman Committee of Appeals.*

The following report was also read and the recommendation referring the matter to the Committee on Landmarks approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals to whom was referred the papers in the case of Bro. —— ——— respectfully report, that they show that the said Brother after having made application for Initiation into a Lodge in the City where he resided and being rejected obtained from the D. D. Grand Master at Hollidaysburg a Dispensation by virtue of which he was Entered, Passed and Raised in Juniata Lodge, No. 282. In his petition the applicant sets forth "that he is about to leave the state, is unable to wait the usual delays, that he has not been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge." His residence is given as —— ——— St., Philada., and he is recommended by the W. M., S. and J. Wardens of that Lodge. From the documents it would appear that a gross imposition was practiced by the Petitioner, excessive negligence exhibited by the late D. D. G. M., —— ——— and unmasonic conduct manifested by the Officers of Lodge No. 282 each and all calling for the interference of the Grand Lodge promptly and decidedly. The case is that however of a non-affiliated Mason against whom there are complaints made by a Lodge and perhaps some of the brethren but against whom there is no specific charge before the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge. The Committee therefore recommend that the whole subject be referred to the Committee of Landmarks to report on the matter of Masonic Jurisdiction in the case of a non-affiliated Mason and to recommend such course as they may deem proper to vindicate the Grand Lodge in this case and provide a remedy for all such cases in future.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman Committee of Appeals.*

MAR. 3d, 1860.

The following report was read and the resolution adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the complaint of Bros. —— ——— and —— ——— against Bro. —— ——— W. M. of Lodge No. 292. There being no specific charges preferred by the brethren they offer for the adoption of the Grand Lodge the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the appeal and complaint of Bros. ——— and ——— against Bro. —— ——— be and the same are hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman Committee of Appeals.*

The following report was also read, approved and the resolution appended thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of the W. Master of Lodge No. 292 the Committee on Appeals re-

spectfully report, that whatever abuses or oppression may have been exhibited and practiced by the W. M. in refusing him admission into the Lodge over which he presided, the right of the Master to exclude any one cannot be questioned or denied. It is a Masonic prerogative which must not be invaded. Its abuse in bad hands is no cause for its subversion. The other grounds of complaint are not ripe for the interference of the Grand Lodge. They are the subjects for action on the part of the subordinate Lodge in the first instance and if they are well founded the brother does a duty, not merely to himself but to the order, of which he is a member, to have them properly made out and Masonically acted on. The Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject and ask the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the appeal of Bro. ——— be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman of Committee of Appeals.*

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read, approved and the resolution appended thereto adopted, as follows:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee upon Landmarks to whom the communication of Lodge No. 61 relative to the rejection of —— ——— was referred make report. That they have attentively considered the different documents which have been submitted to them upon this subject. They do not think it necessary at this time to make any remark upon the irregularity which attended the Initiation of the applicant into the Craft. The Grand Lodge has already expressed its opinion upon this subject and amply vindicated the rights of the order. It appears however that Mr. ——— is a man of good standing, holds a respectable position in the Community in which he lives and that the members of the Lodge are willing to receive him as a member of their body. The Committee therefore offer the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No. 61 be and they are hereby authorized to receive his application for membership under the rules of the Grand Lodge in such cases made and provided and if upon such ballot he shall be unanimously elected and approved of he then shall be admitted to membership in the said Lodge and placed in good standing in the order.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH RANDALL, *Chairman Committee Landmarks.*

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was approved and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: that they have examined the several By-laws and Amendments submitted to them

and would recommend that the Amendment to Art. III, Sec. 3 of the By-laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, be approved. That to the Amendment to the By-laws of No. 289 the words "approval or" be inserted between the words "such" and "election" in the Amendment to Art. IV, Sec. 1; that all after the words "fifty dollars" in the Amendment to Art. V, Sec. 1, be stricken out; that there he added to Art. V, Sec. 3, the words "The amount accompanying the petition shall in each case be regarded as part of the fee hereinbefore required" and that the Amendments adopted by the Lodge with these corrections be approved. Upon examination of the printed By-laws of No. 289 submitted to your Committee in connection with the Amendment proposed the Committee find the following proviso forming part of Art. XIII as to Amendments to wit: Provided that in case of emergency and for a temporary purpose it may be lawful for the Lodge to suspend the operation of any one of these By-laws or a part or parts of any of them (except of this article of the By-laws for that session of the Lodge by the unanimous consent of all the Members present). The Committee think this provision ought not to be allowed to stand they therefore recommend that the approval of the Grand Lodge be rescinded and the proviso stricken out. That as to the By-laws of No. 298 Art. I, Sec. 1, shall read as follows: "The Stated Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the Monday evening in each month of or next preceding the full Moon." That Art. I, Sec. 2, shall read as follows: "The hours of meeting shall be 7 o'clock from March 25th to Sept. 25th and 6 o'clock from Sept. 25th to March 25th." Add to Art. II, Sec. 1, the words "The election shall be conducted according to the rules prescribed by the Grand Lodge Regulations as per the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Grand Officers." Strike out Sec. 2 of the same Article and make Sec. 3 Sec. 2. Art. IV, Sec. 1, insert the word "rejections" between the words "all" and "resignations" and insert after the word "forthwith" the words "taking his receipt therefor." Art. VI, Sec. 1, substitute the word "faithful" in place of the word "prompt" where it occurs the second time. Art. VII, Sec. 2, substitute the word "approved" in place of the word "elected," the word "approval" for the word "elected" where it occurs the first time; the word "application" for the word "election" where it occurs the second time and the words "considered as withdrawn" in place of the word "revoked." Art. VIII, Sec. 1, after the word "payment" insert words "if a Master Mason" and insert after the words "five dollars," the words "if a Fellow Craft" of twelve dollars, and "if an Entered Apprentice Mason" of nineteen dollars. Art. IX, add to this Article the following, to wit: "Provided due and proper notice be given him of the amount of his arrears and of the time when the Lodge proposes to take such action in case the same are not paid." Art. XI, strike out the words "unless determined otherwise by the Lodge." Art. XII, substitute the word "disclose" for the word "discover." Art. XIII, substitute the word "majority" for the words "two-thirds," and that the By-

laws be then approved with these corrections. That in regard to the By-laws of Lodge No. 236. In Art. II strike out all after the word "meeting" to the word "November" and insert "shall be 7 o'clock in the evening from March 25th to September 25th and 6 o'clock from Sept. 25th to March 25th." Art. IV, Sec. 3, after the words "other papers" insert the following: "and inform the Grand Secretary in writing of all rejections, suspensions, expulsions or resignations immediately after any such occurrence." After the words "for all" strike out the words "he may receive" and insert the following: "that may be paid, receive all monies which may be paid to the Lodge as dues, initiation or admission fees, or on any other account;" strike out the words "and fifty cents for each demit" and insert the word "or." Art. IV, Sec. 4, substitute the word "dues" for the word "contribution." Art. V, Sec. 1, substitute the word "stated" for the word "regular" insert after the word "Freemasons" the words "and he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being." Strike out the words "if unanimously" and insert the words "receiving a unanimous vote be declared to be" after the word "approved" insert the word "and." Strike out the sentence beginning "But should there be" and the words "Grand Secretary" and inclusive and insert the words "But if rejected." Substitute the word "approved" for the word "accepted." Add at the end of the Section the following: "and all proceedings in such case shall be null and void and a new application must be made as in the first instance." Art. V, Sec. 2, substitute the word "last" for the word "formerly." Art. V, Sec. 3, strike out the words "nor make the rejection of the applicant known to any one." Art. VI, Sec. 2, strike out the word "transient" between the words "obtained" and "the," insert the words "in addition to." Art. VII, Sec. 1, strike out the words "declare his intention" and insert "present a request." Strike out the words "and upon the Secretary's certifying" and insert "accompanied by a certificate from the Secretary" between the words "paid and provided" insert the following: "or have been remitted by the Lodge whereupon his request shall be granted." Art. VIII, strike out all after the word "By-laws." Art. X, strike out the sentence beginning "And any Member" between the words "be suspended" and "for non-payment of dues" insert the words "or expelled." Substitute the word "requiring" for the word "requesting." Strike out the last paragraph beginning "Brethren who," &c., and insert the paragraph pp. 36 and 37 of the Ahiman Rezon beginning "A brother who has been suspended," &c. Art. XI after the words "M. M." insert the words "A member of the Lodge." Art. XII strike out the first paragraph and insert the following: "Visitors unknown to the Master may be admitted into the Lodge on motion regularly made, seconded and adopted upon voucher of some Brother either a member or visitor or after examination visitors known to the W. M. may at all times be admitted by him without motion." Strike out the word "and" at the beginning of the second paragraph and insert the words

"provided that." Strike out the words "without becoming a member," add at the end of the second paragraph the words "and provided also that a brother who is not a member of any Lodge shall not be permitted to visit a Lodge more than once." And that the said By-laws adopted by said Lodge with these corrections be approved. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

MARCH 5, 1860.

The following communication was read from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and the resolution appended was adopted, to wit:

At a meeting of the Committee of two from each Lodge meeting in Philadelphia, appointed to act upon the revised By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund held Feb. 28, 1860, the following resolution was adopted and the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. William English, was directed to submit the same at the next Quarterly Communication and ask its approval by the Grand Lodge, to wit: *Resolved*, that the Amended By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be referred to the Committee on By-laws with power to act and if the Committee approve said By-laws the same shall be in full force and effect so soon as a majority of all the Lodges meeting in Philadelphia have sanctioned and agreed to be governed by said By-laws and the Trustees of said Fund are notified thereof.

(See printed copy of By-laws filed with the foregoing papers.)

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening, to wit: Bros. Jos. W. Glover, J. Brisbin Boyd, No. 21; J. D. Mendenhall, No. 25; Washington Whitaker, No. 43; J. Atlee White, No. 52; H. W. Karcher, Allen W. Richards, No. 59; Charles Gramer, No. 72; George W. Howell, Stephen P. M. Tasker, No. 114; David Van Loon, No. 115; John Joyce, No. 130; Jeremiah Brown, No. 156; John H. Zane, Wm. P. Breeding, No. 158; Jonathan Elliott, No. 186; John Graves, Wm. C. Murphy, Theo. McKeeny, Geo. W. Cornman, James M. Benkert, Edw. Mathews, No. 187; Christopher Wychoff, No. 190; John Livingston, No. 197; Chas. Hill, No. 230; Wm. J. Sharpless, Chas. Shrater, Robert McCall, No. 236; Nathaniel Patterson, No. 269; John A. Johnson, No. 292; Jas. Mathews, No. 295; Wm. D. Hartman, No. 322; R. W. Luce, No. 323; Jos. Layton, No. 326; Spencer Small, W. W. Fryer, No. 182, Kentucky; George Page, St. Paul's, Boston, Mass.

Grand Lodge closed in Peace at ¼ to 10 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 4th, 1860, A. L. 5860.

Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius S. Scott,

R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Jno. M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. John L. Goddard, S. G. D. Robert Clark, J. G. D. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Chas. B. Reess, G. S. Bearer. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. H. W. Ducachet, G. Chaplain. Jas. Page, W. Whitney, P. G. M.'s. Geo. H. McCabe, Wm. Lilly, A. M. Pollock, Ammi Bond, Sharp D. Lewis, D. D. G. M.'s.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Green, Mosely. No. 3, English, Skerrett, Bilger. No. 9, Kelly. No. 19, Griscom, Thomas, Goodall, Beaumont, Cummings. No. 21, Muench. No. 25, Scott. No. 45, Pollock, Herdman. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Allen, Bell. No. 52, Wilson, Sr., Wilson, Jr., Ferguson, Day, Hanold, Brick. No. 59, Adams, Davenport, Taylor, Notson, Sinexon, Macpherson, Gilson, Coburn. No. 62, Moyer, Heller, Henry, Hawman. No. 67, Smith, Bolt, Reese, Loudenslager, Baugh, Wood, Worthington. No. 71, Jones, Schnider. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton, Thomas, Thompson. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Krider, Hinchman, Mustin. No. 114, Thomson, Kingston, Clark, Morrell, Stokley. No. 115, Adams, Heimberger. No. 121, Warner, Ireland, Foering, Lennig. No. 125, Maag, Garrigues, Muckle. No. 126, Page, De Groote, Widener. No. 130, Riley, Van Houten, Strickland, Sutter, Lescure. No. 131, Penrose, Alkins. No. 134, Becker, Williamson, Maas. No. 135, Dykes, Kline. No. 155, Martin, Woodbury. No. 158, Weatherly, Shields. No. 186, Scattergood, Filson, Boswell, Devereux. No. 187, Purves, Cree, Fulmer, Rittenhouse, Parsons, Albertson, Simpson, Hahn, Zimmerman, Niel. No. 211, Page, Hall, Jones, Bennett, Dorlan, Reeder, Whiteman. No. 227, Durell, Rauch. No. 230, Brittain, Wallace, Ziegler, Gecker. No. 234, Dick. No. 236, Holms, Cliff, Gelston, Wilkey, Lear. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Masson, Randall, Hibbert. No. 258, Bond. No. 271, Wagner. No. 274, Letford, Goddard. No. 289, White, Gwynn, Simpson, Davis, Phillips. No. 295, Brooker, Sinexon.

Proxies: No. 22, English; No. 138, Adams; No. 199, Phillips; No. 220, Adams; No. 225, Davenport; No. 106, Thomson; No. 156, Williamson; No. 216, Muckle; No. 222, Page; No. 226, Riley; No. 231, Hedman; No. 251, Adams; No. 268, Phillips; Nos. 275 and 279, Ashton; No. 282, Adams; No. 308, Shields; No. 312, Ashton; No. 241, Thomson; No. 260, Shields; No. 69, Ferguson; No. 288, Hudman; No. 309, Williamson; No. 317, Skerrett.

Sixty-seven Lodges represented, forty-three by Members and twenty-four by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ p. 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held March 5th last were read and adopted.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 62, 130 and 289; also copies of the By-laws Nos. 225, 256, 296, 329, 306 and 338, were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a new lodge to be held at Susquehanna Depot,

Susquehanna Co., was read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 19, * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Harmony Lodge, No. 52, asking permission to take another ballot * * *. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 62 * * *. On motion the subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals. Another paper was read from the same Lodge asking permission to take a third ballot on —— ———. On motion the prayer was granted provided the members are properly notified when said balloting is to take place.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— appealing from a vote of expulsion by Herman's Lodge, No. 125. On motion the subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 143 asking permission to take another ballot * * *. On motion it was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition under the usual restrictions.

P. G. Master James Page announced the decease of P. G. Master, Bro. Cornelius Stevenson. After giving a history of his connection with this Grand Lodge and with the order the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted unanimously, "to wit:" WHEREAS, since the last Grand Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge it has been deprived of one of its lights in the East by the death of our late R. W. P. G. Master Cornelius Stevenson. *Therefore be it Resolved*, that this Grand Lodge now place upon its record this testimonial of its respect for the memory and this evidence of its sorrow for the loss of our Brother.

Resolved, that the late R. W. P. G. M. Cornelius Stevenson was in all the relations of life whether public or private entitled to the highest regards as a husband and father, citizen and friend, living to a good old age and dying with a reputation fair and untarnished.

Resolved, that a long association with the Order embracing a period of half a century during which time he was a zealous and faithful brother and held the highest offices within the gift of the brethren with credit to himself and profit to the craft will ever endear his memory to the fraternity.

Resolved, that as the death of the just man in peace and the righteous reward we humbly trust that our venerable brother in passing from this world of trial has gone to another of rest and happiness "eternal in the heavens."

Resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with the family and friends of our deceased Brother in their melancholy bereavement.

On motion of Bro. William English the following was also adopted, viz.: In further testimony of our deep sorrow, *Resolved*, that the furniture and regalia of the Grand Lodge be shrouded in mourning for the period of three months.

On motion of P. G. M., Bro. Peter Williamson the following was adopted unanimously, viz.: *Resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing be presented to the family of the deceased.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 158 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———. On motion the same was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 223, setting forth the suspension for non-payment of dues, Bros. * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Integrity Lodge, No. 187, petitioning the Grand Lodge to review or reconsider the action on the report of the Committee on Appeals in the case of Bro. —— ——— and then take such further order upon the case as the members of the Grand Lodge may consider just. On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, it was resolved to refer the appeal to a Committee of Five. The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. Jos. S. Riley, George Thomson, George Griscom, George L. Taylor and David Weatherly, Jr. said Committee.

The following extract from the proceedings of Lodge No. 62 was read, "to wit:"

"Extract of Minutes of Lodge No. 62" at a meeting held May 2, 1860. A motion was adopted that the officers be instructed to offer at the next Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge as an amendment to the Ahiman Rezon that the Grand Lodge dues be reduced in Country Lodges to one-half the present amount, namely 50 cts. per year instead of one dollar. P. S. ERMOLD, *Secty.*

We the Officers of Lodge No. 62, A. Y. M. offer the above as an amendment to the Ahiman Rezon.

[SEAL] ALBERT C. HENRY, F. P. HELLER, LEVI MOYER.

On motion it was resolved to refer the foregoing to the Committee of Finance.

Bro. William Lilly offered the following amendment to the Ahiman Rezon, and asked that it be referred to the Committee of Finance:

On page 9, Sec. 4, relating to dues of Subordinate Lodges strike out one dollar for each member per year and insert 75 cts. to take effect on and after St. John's day in December, 1860, the same to continue until Dec., 1863, St. John's day, when 50 cts. shall be substituted. In case any Lodge refuse or neglect to pay its dues on or before the first Monday in March following the close of the fiscal year the Grand Secretary shall notify the delinquent lodges and demand payment and should they neglect or refuse to pay the same before the first Monday of June next following they shall be suspended or expelled by this Grand Lodge provided no satisfactory excuse be given to the Grand Lodge and a remission of the same or further allowance of time be given.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 236 asking for another

ballot on —— ———. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 242 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 255 asking permission for another ballot on —— ———. On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 259 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———. The petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 268 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— complaining of the decision of the W. M. of Lodge No. 276 and on motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 282 for permission to take another ballot on —— ———. Prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 286 for permission to take another ballot on —— ——— and —— ———. Prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287 asking permission to take a re-ballot on —— ———. Prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A special return was received from Lodge No. 317 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— charging the W. M. of Lodge No. 235 with unmasonic conduct, &c. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A special return was read from Lodge No. 235 * * *. Action postponed for the present that is until the previous question is reported on.

Bro. George H. McCabe, D. D. G. M., made a statement on behalf of Lodge No. 270 in relation to its financial condition. When on motion duly made and seconded, the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act.

A bill from King and Baird for printing proceedings of the Grand Lodge amounting to $171.86 was on motion ordered to be paid.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully submit the following Quarterly Report: They have examined and vouched the accounts of the Hall Committee from March 6 to May 24, 1860, and found them correct showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $2,053.68. Also the account of the Grand Treasurer from February 15 to May 15, 1860, compared it with his vouchers and found it correct as follows:

He has received—		
Balance from last account		$6,992 47
From dues from Lodges		6,001 22
Rents of stores		2,291 67
Warrants of New Lodges		162 00
Dispensations, &c		119 08
		$15,566 44
He has paid—		
On orders Hall Committee, taxes		$2,396 33
" " Grand Master		114 50
To Grand Secretary to pay interest on Loan		1,230 00
" " " " " Salary	$312 50	
" " " " " Expenses	48 00	
		360 50
" Trustees Masonic Loans		5,505 83
" Grand Treasurer exp. of office and counterfeit		18 04
" Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund		720 00
Balance on deposit in F. & M. Bank		5,221 24
		$15,566 44

The Committee then examined the accounts of Wm. English, President of the G. L. Charity Fund compared them with their vouchers and found them correct showing balance of cash in their hands of $948.54. Your Committee examined the Grand Secretary's accounts for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans and found them correct but as they are few in number and small in amount they concluded to defer reporting details to the Grand Lodge until the next quarterly report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN H. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK, FREDK. LENNIG,
Committee.

The Committee of Finance made the following report and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred at the Quarterly Communication of March 5, the indebtedness of P. G. M. Bro. —— ——— to the G. L. Charity Fund the sum of $1,284.36 with instructions: beg leave to report, that they notified Bro. ——— to meet your committee on the 8th of March. Bro. ——— attended said meeting when the instructions from the Grand Lodge were read to him. He at once proposed to give a judgment note at 60 days for the amount say $1,284.36 with the interest added which together made the sum of $1,312.18 which your committee deemed most advisable to take. The note was dated March 5th at 60 days and fell due on the 4/7 of the present month. Judgment was entered up on the

note immediately after it was taken. A few days before the note was due, your committee are happy to state that, Bro. ——— paid the amount into the hands of Bro. Peter Williamson, Grand Treas. when satisfaction was immediately entered on the Judgment. Your committee having performed all that was required of them in this matter beg leave to submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay over the sum of $1,312.18 received by him from Bro. ——— to the President of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK, FREDK. LENNIG, JOHN L. GODDARD,
Finance Committee.

PHILA., May 24, 1860.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

At the communication of this Grand Lodge held March 5th last a communication was read from a number of brethren in Ireland soliciting a subscription to aid them in the erection of a Masonic Hall in Skibbereen which was referred to the Finance Committee. Your Committee have given the subject all proper consideration and now submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the request of the brethren in Ireland for a subscription from this Grand Lodge to aid in building a new Hall be respectfully declined.

WM. WHITNEY, FREDK. LENNIG, ROBERT CLARK, JOHN L. GODDARD,
Committee.

PHILADA., May 24, 1860.

The following report from the Finance Committee was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted, viz.:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. Report, on the application of Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, asking a remission of Grand Lodge dues. That they have carefully considered this application and are of the opinion that no sufficient reasons have been given by the Lodge, nor such as would enable your Committee to recommend to the Grand Lodge that their request should be granted. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Lodge No. 143 for a remission of dues be respectfully declined.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN H. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK, FREDK. LENNIG,
Finance Committee.

PHILA., May 28, 1860.

The following report from the Finance Committee was read and the resolution attached adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. Report, on the application of Warren Lodge, No. 240, at Montrose, Pa., for a

remission of dues, are of opinion that the reasons assigned by this Lodge are not sufficient they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Lodge No. 240 for a remission of Grand Lodge Dues be respectfully declined.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK, FREDK. LENNIG,
Finance Committee.

PHILA., May 28, 1860.

The following report from the Finance Committee was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

The Finance Com. of the Grand Lodge of Penna. report on the application of Lodge No. 277 Meeting in Clarion, Penna., for a remission of dues for the years 1857 and 1858. Your Committee are of the opinion that this Lodge has not furnished sufficient reasons for asking remission of dues they therefore submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Lodge No. 277 for a remission of dues be respectfully declined.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK, FREDK. LENNIG,
Finance Committee.

PHILA., May 28, 1860.

The following report from the Finance Committee was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. report on the application of Lodge No. 279 (meeting in Greene County, Pa.,) for a remission of dues. Your Committee are of opinion that the condition of this Lodge will enable it to pay its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Lodge No. 279 for a remission of dues be declined.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK, FREDK. LENNIG,
Finance Committee.

PHILA., May 28, 1860.

The Committee on By-laws Reported that they had corrected and adjusted the following Amendments and By-laws which was adopted, to wit:

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 62, 130, and 289.

Full By-laws of Lodges Nos. 190, 225, 255, 256, 329, 338, and 296. The By-laws of Lodge No. 306 contained so many irregularities that they were returned to said Lodge for revision and correction.

Respectfully submitted and signed by the Committee of By-laws.

After a few introductory remarks Bro. Jos. S. Riley offered the following resolution, to wit: *Resolved*, that the East Committee Room be fitted up as the other two Committee Rooms are fitted up for Masonic purposes and that the Masters and Wardens of the various Lodges be permitted to use said room two nights in the month without charge. Bros. Jas. Gwynn, Alex. Purvis and others offered

various amendments which on being put were declared as lost. The motion came back to Bro. Jos. S. Riley's resolution which after some further discussion was declared as adopted.

Bro. William English offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that a special Committee of three members be appointed to consider the propriety of revising the laws governing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, so that the same may be made subject to the entire control of the Grand Lodge on principles similar to those which govern the Stephen Girard Charity Fund. The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. William English, Edwd. P. Lescure and Mathew Cartwright as said Committee.

Bro. Jos. T. Thomas offered the following resolution which was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that permission be given to any of the Lodges meeting in this Building to close their Stated Meetings in July and August.

Bro. William F. White, W. M. of No. 289, renewed Bro. Jas. Gwynn's resolution as follows: *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge allow the use of a room in this building once a month, when not in use, to Orient Lodge, No. 289, to be used for the purpose of instructing the members in the work of the order. Bro. John C. Smith moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed. Which was carried.

By permission of the R. W. G. Master a Committee from Lodge No. 135 made a statement representing that they were about commencing a New Hall in Manayunk and solicited the aid of the brethren in subscribing to the same.

The following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening, to wit: Bros. St. Cyre Milliac, No. 59; Jos. S. Benyard, No. 187; Alfred B. Davis, No. 295; Charles Laing, Samuel H. Jenkins, Dickson Rany, Sam'l C. Thompson, No. 289; John Grieg, No. 236; Jno. M. Dickson, No. 187; David O. Mosser, No. 62; F. Stewart Brown, No. 134; Robert Preston, No. 298; Robt. McCall, No. 236; Jarvis C. Walker, No. 289; Edw. Mathews, No. 187; Henry W. Karcher, No. 59; Erskine Crofton, No. 71; Robt. L. McClellan, No. 322; David McAfee, No. 59; James Grant, No. 126; Jno. A. Niven, No. 266; Jno. A. Moon, No. 211; Jas. L. Ebert, No. 130; Wm. J. Hoyt, No. 59; Ralph Worthington, No. 211; Wm. J. Evans, No. 155; Jas. Shenstine, No. 199; Wm. B. Severn, No. 155; Wm. G. Seltzer, No. 135; Thos. T. Yeager, No. 62; Jos. S. Skerrett, No. 60; Eugene L. Benyard, No. 187; Wilson Abbott, No. 72; Wm. Moore, No. 187; F. A. Germon, No. 59; Wm. H. Dougherty, No. 187; John Hennist, No. 322; Edw. Hunter, No. 19; Allen W. Richards, No. 59; Alfred C. Stubb, No. 187; Lewis J. Craus, No. 314; S. G. Bennett, No. 144; Saml. Winpenny, No. 135, in all 42 visitors.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, 1860, A. L. 5860.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Hall.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Saml. C. Perkins, D. G. Secty. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon. John L. Goddard, J. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. C. Bard Reess, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. Edward Strickland, G. Pursuivant. Anthy. Bournonville and James Page, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Green, Mosely. No. 3, Thomson, Wilson, English, Maguire, Skerrett. No. 9, Palmer, Kelly, Duffield, Leach. No. 19, Thomas, Wright, Goodall, Thornley, Cummings, Beaumont, Griscom. No. 22, Taggart. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Allen, Lewis, Marshall. No. 52, Wilson, Sr., Wilson, Jr., Day, Shindler, Wood, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Gibson, Coburn, Notson, Taylor, Macpherson. No. 62, Hawman, Henry, Hiller, Moyer. No. 67, Loudenslager, Bolt, Wagner, Wood, Rutherford, Worthington, Reese, Van Osten. No. 71, Johnston, Frismuth, Bladen, Jones. No. 72, Phillips, Thompson, White, Thomas. No. 81, Davis, Fulton. No. 91, Perkins, Barry, Hinchman, Krider, Mustin. No. 114, Kingston, Morrell. No. 115, Heimberger, Black, Heylin, Beenken, Adams, Kraft, Wallis. No. 121, Smith, Warner. No. 125, Maag, Bournonville, Remak. No. 126, De Groote, Bell, Nesbit, Miller, Page. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Strickland, Brown, Sutter, Van Houten, Easby. No. 131, Alkins, Squires, Penrose. No. 134, Hooper, Williamson, Roney, King, Maas. No. 135, Dykes, Eberhardt. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Megary, Masson, Woodbury, Curtis, Martin. No. 158, Wills, Shields, Weatherly, Sinn, Oliver, Walker. No. 186, Scattergood, Filson, Boswell, Lewis, Stevenson, Gaskill. No. 187, Purvis, Albertson, Cree, Neill, Loeser, Rittenhouse, McCahn. No. 190, Johnson. No. 211, Cartwright, Lee, Reeder, Bennett, Page, Peall, Hull, Dorlan. No. 226, Weidman. No. 227, Ancona, Durell. No. 230, Ziegler, Brittain, Christian. No. 236, Gilson. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Hubbert, Jones, Wilder, Randall, Masson. No. 251, Zahniser. No. 281, Brown, Neall. No. 274, Goddard. No. 282, Crawford. No. 287, Herdman. No. 289, White, Phillips, Martin, Simpson. No. 295, Yerkes, Forster. No. 296, Roberts. No. 309, Downing. No. 340, Reeser, Gunkle.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. English, Nos. 21, 143, 265; A. F. Bournonville, No. 60; W. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 220, 251, 282; Gustavus Remak, No. 144; Peter Williamson, Nos. 156, 309; W. H. Allen, No. 197; Henry M. Phillips, Nos. 199, 268; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; John Thornley, No. 229; James Herdman, Nos. 231, 288; Harman Yerkes, No. 234; William Curtis, Nos. 240, 278; George A. Oliver, No. 254; James Shields, Nos. 260, 308; William Leach, Nos. 261, 263, 301; James Ferguson, No. 269; George F. Lewis, No. 276; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; David C. Skerrett, No. 317.

Eighty Lodges represented, forty-nine by Members and thirty-one by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 4, A. L. 5860, were read and adopted.

By-laws of Lodges Nos. 108, 226 and 334. Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 135, 211 and 230 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Applications for new lodges in Pittsburg and Manchester, Allegheny Co., were read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 52 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 121 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Kensington Lodge, No. 211, giving notice of the removal of said Lodge to their new building or hall on Richmond Street on the first Friday in October next. This on motion was ordered to be filed.

Several communications were received asking for a remission of dues owing by Lodge No. 164. On motion the same was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Communications were received from Lodges No. 280 at Canton, Bradford Co., No. 306 at Troy, Bradford Co., in relation to the indebtedness of said Lodges as well the purchasing of the Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 280 by Lodge No. 306. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 261 * * *. On motion the foregoing was ordered to be noted and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 236 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— of Lodge No. 304 complaining of the action of said Lodge in not receiving a copy of charges which he presented against an offending brother. On motion of Bro. G. Parker Cummings and duly seconded, the whole subject was referred to a special Committee of three. The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. G. Parker Cummings, Washn. L. Bladen and Thomas Sinexon said Committee.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— complaining against Lodge No. 283 for suspending him as he believes illegally and unjustly therefore appeals for redress and respectfully prays that a committee be appointed so that justice may be done him. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 22 in relation to their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge and asking that the same may be adjusted with a view to settlement. On motion duly made and seconded, the same was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

A communication was read from several members of Lodge No. 62, at Reading, setting forth an irregularity in the proceedings when five had been balloted for and approved. The R. W. G. Master reported that he had already taken action in the premises as soon as he heard of the irregular action of Lodge No. 62 by directing the W. M. of the Lodge to proceed in the case as if no ballot had been had and to see that every member had due notice as required by the resolution of the Grand Lodge June 4, 1860. The communication was entered and filed.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted, "to wit:"

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following Quarterly Report: They have examined and vouched the accounts of the Hall Committee from May 24, up to August 30, 1860, and found them correct. Showing orders drawn upon the Grand Treasurer amounting to $600.37. Also account of the Grand Treasurer from 15 May to 15 Aug., 1860, compared it with his vouchers and find it correct, as follows:

He has received—

Balance last account	$5,221 24
Dispensations, &c.	505 25
Dues from Lodges, &c.	3,903 75
Rents stores	2,500 00
Warrants, new lodges	243 00
	$12,373 24

He has paid—

Expenses D. D. G. M.	$40 35	
Orders Hall Committee	600 37	
" Grand Master	54 50	
" Trustees M. Loans	4,600 00	
Grand Secretary, Salary	$312 50	
" " Expenses	69 50	
	382 00	
Interest on M. Loans	2,629 50	
	$8,306 72	
Balance on hand	4,066 52	
		$12,373 24

Also examined Grand Secretary's account for payment of interest on Masonic Loan from February 22, 1860, to Aug. 27, 1860, compared them with his receipt book and found them correct as follows:

On the $110,000 Loan—

Bal. as per last report on hand	$588 00
Appropriation	2,629 50
	$3,217 50

Amount paid	$2,380 50	
Uncalled for balance	837 00	
		$3,217 50

Of the $41,000 Loan—

Bal. on hand as per last report	$640 50
Appropriation	1,230 00
	$1,870 50

Amount paid	$1,695 00	
Uncalled for balance	175 50	
		$1,870 50

The Hall Committee will require an additional sum of $200. Your Committee recommend that it be appropriated and therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that an additional sum of *two hundred dollars* be appropriated for the use of the Hall Committee.

MICHAEL NISBET, JOHN L. GODDARD,
On behalf of the Committee of Finance.

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

PHILADA., Sept. 3rd, 1860.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Herman's Lodge, No. 125, beg leave to report, that Bro. ——— was regularly Entered and Passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason in Lodge No. 125, that objection was made to his further advancement on the ground that he had previously made application to Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, for Initiation and Membership and was rejected by said Lodge. The objection thus made was referred to a Committee who without giving Bro. ——— a copy of the objections or of notifying him at what time said Committee would meet to hear the same reported him guilty whereupon the Lodge expelled him, from this action he appeals. Your Committee after hearing the Lodge as well as Bro. ——— came to the conclusion that the Lodge had acted improperly and therefore offer the following resolution and ask to be discharged, viz.: *Resolved*, that Herman's Lodge, No. 125, be directed to restore Bro. —— ——— to membership forthwith.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman on behalf of the Committee.*

The following report was read and the recommendation adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals to whom was referred the complaint of Frankford Lodge, No. 292, against P. M., Bro. —— ——— for a

certain publication in the *Masonic Mirror and Keystone* paper edited and published by said Bro. ——— respectfully report: that they gave notice to the said parties and had them in attendance and after hearing their statement came to the conclusion that the tone of the publication was offensive, derogatory to the Order and in violation of Masonic usage. No good can possibly arise from said public notice of Masonic proceedings, but much harm, and they recommend the Grand Lodge positively to prohibit all such publications.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 186 in the case of charges preferred by him against Bro. —— ——— of said Lodge and deem his appeal inadmissible and not to be entertained by the Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following: *Resolved*, that the Committee of Appeals be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On behalf of the Committee.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the appeal of Bro. —— ——— against the action of Lodge No. 246 and deem his appeal inadmissible and not to be entertained by the Grand Lodge, they therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Committee of Appeals be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of charges by —— ——— against Lodge No. 246 and —— ———. On motion the foregoing was ordered to be filed and the resolution attached thereto adopted.

The following report was read and the resolution appended thereto was adopted, "to wit:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals to whom was referred letters from Bro. —— ——— of Lodge No. 235 against Bro. —— ———, W. Master of said Lodge respectfully report, that after a careful consideration of the matter they have arrived at the conclusion that the case as it now stands is not one calling for the action of the Grand Lodge. The charges in the first instance should have been submitted to the Subordinate Lodge and there acted upon and be brought up by an appeal from their decision. In reporting a resolution asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject they will

venture to express a doubt as to the right of the Lodge to take cognizance of and try a brother upon charges for offences alleged to have taken place before he was initiated.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The following report was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

PHILA., Sept. 3, 1860.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Lodge No. 62 to restore to Masonic Standing Bro. —— ——— an expelled Mason and member of said Lodge have had the same under consideration and are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted therefore offer the following Resolution, viz.: *Resolved,* that the request of Lodge No. 62 to restore Bro. —— ——— to good Masonic Standing be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

Communications were read from Lodge No. 22 at Sunbury in reference to the indebtedness of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge. When on motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley from Committee on No. 187 asked the information and direction of the Grand Lodge as to their powers there having arisen doubts among the Committee whether they had control of the whole subject and with a view to obtain definite instruction from the Grand Lodge Bro. Jos. S. Riley offered the following resolution: *Resolved,* that the Committee have power to examine into and report upon the whole subject of the difficulties between Integrity Lodge, No. 187 and Bro. —— ——— and that they have the power to take such action as they may deem necessary to ascertain all the facts in the case. The R. W. Grand Master stated that there was but one way in which the Committee could obtain instructions if desired, viz.: Through a written report and if Bro. Riley desired to offer any resolution it should be postponed till the regular order of business had been gone through with. The R. W. Grand Master accordingly so postponed the matter. In a short time the Committee presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee in the case of the appeal of Integrity Lodge, No. 187, respectfully report: That whereas a difference of views exists between the Members of said Committee whether they are charged with examining the case from its commencement to its termination including the charges made against Bro. ——— or whether they are con-

fined to the complaint by Lodge No. 187 against the Committee of Appeals they respectfully pray for more definite instructions from the Grand Lodge.

JOS. S. RILEY, GEORGE THOMSON,
GEORGE GRISCOM, D. WETHERLY, JR.,
GEO. L. TAYLOR, *Committee.*

SEPT. 3, 1860.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley then offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the whole matter in the above case from its commencement to its termination be referred to the Committee to take such action thereon as it may deem best calculated to render justice to all concerned. The foregoing elicited considerable discussion when on motion of Bro. George Griscom it was *Resolved*, that the Select Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Carried. Bro. Alex. Purvis then moved that the memorial from Integrity Lodge, No. 187, be referred to the Committee on Appeals. Which was carried.

The Committee on By-laws made a report on the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 226 and 334. Also on Amendments to By-laws of Lodges Nos. 135, 211 and No. 230, which was on motion adopted.

Printed Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, "to wit:" Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Hamburg, Rhode Island, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, New York, California, Illinois, Tennessee, Vermont, Dist. of Columbia, Alabama, Kentucky, Kansas, Washn. Territory, Georgia, Delaware, North and South Carolina, Oregon, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Texas.

The following named brethren were admitted during the evening as visitors: Bros. David Dryburg, No. 230; Jas. L. Turner, No. 230; Wm. H. Dutton, No. 59; Joshua Garsed, No. 292; Wm. Enty, No. 211; John D. Jones, No. 115; Jonas C. Knight, No. 190; John A. Johnson, No. 292; Edw. Potts, No. 115; Thos. Anderson, No. 289; Wm. P. Venable, No. 11, D. C.; Francis W. Smith, No. 19; Jacob Yost, No. 115; Robert Arthur, No. 130; Jno. W. Hamilton, No. 114; Wm. H. Willie, No. 114; Jno. G. Callart, Ala.; Isaac Lyons, No. 289; Isaac Myer, Jr., No. 289; Wm. H. Smith, No. 158; J. M. Emanuel, No. 121; Jos. Gibson, No. 144; B. F. Woodward, No. 159, Ills.; Jacob R. Moss, No. 71; C. Fritz, No. 57, Ills.; A. Sternhart, No. 115; Chas. H. Ulrich, No. 186; Wm. J. Hoyt, No. 59; Thos. L. Backenham, No. 114; H. W. Karcher, No. 59; Jas. L. Ebert, No. 130; Thomas Jacobs, No. 114; Chas. L. Minster, No. 52; Philip F. Geiss, No. 180, Ohio; Thos. J. Super, John Gregg, No. 236; Chas. E. Fleming, No. 44, N. J.; Wm. C. Irvine, No. 72; John Babe, Price I. Patton, No. 59; Dan'l Mahony, No. 9; Jacob Bennett, No. 19; Lawrence J. Dermuth, No. 44, N. Y.; Gideon T. Todd, No. 289; Wm. Overfield, Jr., No. 282; Ferdinand L. Dermuth, No. 43, N. Y.; Henry Ruff, No. 230; Stephen H. Gimber, No. 9; Lewis N. Cog-

ley, No. 115; Thos. P. Manypenny, No. 81; M. A. Sellers, No. 227; Alex. Petitt, No. 71, in all 52 visitors.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3, 1860, A. L. 5860.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. John M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. Augustus Remak, S. G. D. John L. Goddard, J. G. D. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Charles Bard Reess, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and John Bolt, G. Stewards. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Rev. John Chambers and H. W. Ducachet, G. Chaplains. William Whitney, William Barger, James Hutchinson, John M. Reed, Anthony Bournonville, P. G. Masters. R. A. Lamberton, C. M. Howell, Sharp D. Lewis, George H. McCabe, William A. Porter, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Gumple, Floyd, Blackburne, Cregar, Robertson, Green, Maguire, Wiler. No. 3, Watson, Colladay, Brewer, Skerrett, Thomson, Maguire, Martin, Hatfield, Padmore, Brewer, Wister, English. No. 9, Duffield, Dorsey, Mackay, Kelly, Palmer, Leach, Burnell. No. 19, Murphy, Nichols, Griscom, Cummings, Beaumont, Wright, Childs, McGinnis, Master. No. 21, Lamberton, Muench. No. 25, Scott, McBrien, Kinsey, Knight. No. 43, Atlee, Howell. No. 45, Pollock, Adair. No. 51, Howell, Thomson, Whitney, Bell, Workman, Marshall, Allen, Read. No. 52, Wood, Wagner, Wilson, Sr., Wilson, Jr., Day, Hanold, Shindler, Burke, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, G. L. Taylor, Macpherson, Notson, Sinexon, Coburn, Campbell, James L. Taylor, Davenport, Gilson. No. 61, Lewis. No. 62, Hiller, Moyer, Henry, Huster. No. 67, Dann, Simon, Wagner, Loudenslager, Reese, Wood, Bolt, Worthington, Jas. Hutchinson, McGrath, Stagers, Griffith, Baugh, Van Osten, Hemphill, Rob't Hutchinson, Simpson, Smith. No. 71, Hutchinson, Bladen, Frismuth, Johnson, D. P. Jones, Levering Jones, Schnider. No. 72, Phillips, Potter, Barger, Ashton, Thompson, Fox, Thomas, Williams, O'Hara. No. 75, Vanderslice. No. 81, Davis, Shriver. No. 91, Mustin, S. H. and S. C. Perkins, Badger, Connelly, Hutchinson. No. 115, Kraft, Adams, Beenken, Haines, Suplee, Parker, Heimberger, Black. No. 121, Hall, Campbell, Vaux, Warner, Prevost, Ireland, Keyser, Peterson, Ziegler. No. 125, Remak, Maag, Ketterlinus, Philipp, Peeler, Batzig, Bournonville, Muckle. No. 126, Nisbet, Jackson, De Groote, Widner, Bell, Miller, Page. No. 130, Brown, Logue, Van Houten, Riley, Lescure, Strickland, Young, Easby, Sutter, Stokes, Severns, Riley. No. 131, Moore, Squires, Martin, Penrose. No. 134, Williamson,

King, Keyser, Maas, Becker, Goddard. No. 135, Dykes, Winpenny, McFarlane, M'Cully, Ferguson, Hyneman. No. 143, Porter. No. 153, Brown. No. 155, Allen, Bowen, Curtis, Woodbury, Martin, Hedges, Masson, Megary, Glenn. No. 158, Shields, Oliver, Woodbury, Reneker, Jones, Weatherly, Moore, Wills, Taylor. No. 186, Scattergood, Boswell, Hufty, Little, Stevenson, Smith, Begley, Devereux, Gaskill. No. 190, Kite, Johnson. No. 211, Cartwright, Dorlan, Lee, Peall, Hall, Page, Dorlan, Reeder. No. 216, Nice. No. 220, Cresswell. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 225, Coulter. No. 227, Rauch, Durell, Quimby. No. 230, Zeigler, Graeff, Christian, Gicker, Brittain. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly, Otis. No. 246, Jones, Hubbert, Masson, Uhle, Randall, Small. No. 253, Roberts. No. 265, Knapp. No. 271, Neall, Wagner, Slemmer, Mayer, Atkinson. No. 273, Eagle. No. 274, Letford, Rugan, Hornor, Pedrick, Pierson, Goddard, Dechert, Sears. No. 284, Houser. No. 287, Herdman. No. 289, Simpson, Martin, Phillips, White, Loughead. No. 291, Kingsbury. No. 292, Garsed. No. 295, Yerkes, Coleman. No. 300, Doyle. No. 309, Bull. No. 314, McGaughey. No. 323, Chittenden. No. 326, Rupp, Fogel. No. 327, Clark, Silliman. No. 330, Curtis. No. 339, Luce. No. 340, Robb, Reiser, Gunkle, Thomson.

Proxies: No. 60, Bournonville; No. 106, W. W. Thomson; No. 138, W. H. Adams; No. 144, Remak; No. 156, P. Williamson; No. 163, Jas. Simpson; No. 164, William Barger; No. 194, R. P. King; No. 197, W. H. Allen; No. 199, H. M. Phillips; No. 218, H. Baugh; No. 221, A. M. Pollock; No. 226, Jos. S. Riley; No. 231, J. Herdman; No. 232, J. L. Hutchinson; No. 234, H. Yerkes; No. 237, W. Barger; No. 240, W. Curtis; No. 241, G. Thomson; No. 244, G. P. Cummings; No. 249, W. Barger; No. 259, George Smith; No. 260, Jas. Shields; Nos. 261 and 263, Wm. Leach; No. 265, W. English; No. 267, F. Blackburne; No. 268, H. M. Phillips; No. 269, J. Ferguson; No. 272, Geo. W. Hall; No. 275, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 276, Geo. F. Lewis; No. 278, Wm. Curtis; No. 279, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 281, Geo. W. Hufty; No. 282, W. H. Adams; No. 275, Loudenslager; Nos. 286 and 294, R. Vaux; No. 288, Herdman; No. 297, Wm. Barger; No. 301, W. Leach; No. 304, D. Thompson; No. 305, H. Baugh; No. 308, J. Shields; No. 312, G. H. Ashton; No. 317, J. Skerrett; No. 331, James Palmer.

One hundred and fourteen Lodges represented, sixty-seven by Members and forty-seven by Proxy. Twenty-five votes cast by the Representatives of Jewels.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication were read and adopted.

Applications for new Lodges in Erie Co. and Coudersport, Potter Co., were presented and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was also presented for the revival of Lodge No. 82, at Milford, Wayne Co., which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received from —— ———, of Lodge No. 19, complaining of the action of said Lodge in expelling him from membership at the Stated Meeting held Sept. 6, 1860, and prays the Grand Lodge to take into account his standing and honor as a man outside of Masonry, and in their wisdom restore him to the rights he has never knowingly forfeited. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

The following communication was received and referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned on part of Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, respectfully represents that there exists a discrepancy in the accounts of said Lodge with the R. W. Grand Lodge which said Lodge would respectfully as may be referred to the Committee of (accounts) Finance with power to act.

R. COULTER, *P. M. of Lodge No. 225.*

This being the night of the Annual Election for Officers the R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren Tellers, to wit:

For votes by Members, Bros. William Whitney, William English, John Cresswell, Jr.

For votes by Jewels, Bros. William Badger, William Lilly, James Kelly.

For votes by Proxy, Bros. Sharp D. Lewis, George P. Little, James Herdman. The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot.

After report of the Tellers the R. W. Grand Master announced the following Brethren elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Grand Master, in the place of R. W. Bro. H. M. Phillips who declined a re-election.

Bros. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. Grand Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.

TRUSTEES NEW MASONIC LOANS—Bros. William Badger, William English, Philip R. Howard, James Shields and Frederick Lennig.

TRUSTEES GIRARD BEQUEST—Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, James Hutchinson, Anthony Bournonville, David Boyd and David Jayne.

TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND—Bros. William English, John Wilson, Sr., A. N. Macpherson, Wm. S. Black, Joseph S. Riley.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace (to the third Monday in December) at ¼ past Eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, 1860, A. L. 5860.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication.

Present: Bros. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. Master. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. Warden. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. Master. —— ——, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. John M. Davenport, D. G. Secty. Gustavus Remak, S. G. D. Daniel Thompson, J. G. D. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Charles Bard Reese, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. William Whitney, James Page, P. G. Masters. William Lilly and Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne. No. 3, Skerrett, Thomson, English. No. 9, Duffield, Palmer. No. 19, Beaumont, Cummings, Wright, Griscom, Master, Karrick. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Ferguson, Day, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Martin, Hanold, Shindler. No. 59, Adams, G. L. Taylor, Coburn, Gibson, Watson, Davenport. No. 67, Wood, Bolt, Loudenslager, Reese, Worthington, Rutherford, Griffith, Smith. No. 71, Frismuth. No. 72, White, Thompson, Phillips, Ashton, Thomas. No. 81, Davis, Piper. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Mustin, Barry. No. 114, Thomson, Clark, Kingston, Stokley, Morrell. No. 115, Leigh, Black, McCloud, Adams. No. 121, Vaux, Ireland. No. 125, Maag, Remak. No. 126, Bell, De Groote, Miller, Page, Widener, Nesbit. No. 130, Riley, Strickland, Easby, Sutter. No. 134, Maas, Murphy. No. 135, Dykes. No. 155, Megary, Masson, Bacon, Woodbury. No. 158, Walker, Wills. No. 186, Devereux, Boswell, Little, Filson, Stevenson, Gaskill. No. 187, Parsons, Wallis, Loeser, Purvis, Cree. No. 211, Dickinson, Lee, Page, Dorlan, Hall, Cartwright, Reeder. No. 230, Brittain, Christian. No. 246, Jones, Masson, Hubbert, Randall. No. 242, Struthers, Lilly. No. 254, Rutter. No. 271, Wagner. No. 274, Dechert. No. 289, Davis, Simpson. No. 292, Eckels. No. 295, Foster, Yerkes, Gilpin, Sinexon, Brooker. No. 296, Boyle.

Proxies: Bros. W. W. Thomson, No. 106; Wm. H. Adams, No. 138; G. Remak, No. 144; H. M. Phillips, No. 199; Jos. S. Riley, No. 226; H. Yerkes, No. 234; George Thomson, No. 241; G. P. Cummings, No. 244; William English, No. 265; Jas. Ferguson, No. 269; Geo. H. Ashton, Nos. 279 and 312; Wm. H. Adams, No. 282; J. Loudenslager, No. 285; Rich'd Vaux, Nos. 286 and 294; Dan'l Thompson, No. 304; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317; Jas. Palmer, No. 331.

Fifty-three Lodges represented, thirty-four by Members and nineteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past Six o'clock, P. M.

By-laws and Amendments from the following Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws, as follows: Nos. 81, 152, 108, 224, 246, 255, 266, 271, 295, 319, 321, and 337.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 320 appointing Bro.

Lucius H. Scott their Proxy. The paper was ordered to be filed and Bro. L. H. Scott acknowledged as the Proxy.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— appealing from the suspension in Lodge No. 52. On motion the subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 115 stating that Bro. —— ——— had been suspended in error. On motion the matter was referred back with power to make the correction.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 130 asking permission to take another ballot * * *. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 135 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 164 petitioning for the restoration of Bro. —— ——— to Masonic Standing. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 186 * * *. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 234 asking permission to take another ballot * * *. On motion the prayer of the Petitioners was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Richmond Lodge, No. 230, * * *. On motion Lodge No. 230 was permitted to take another ballot.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 238 asking a re-ballot * * *. The prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

The following list of suspensions in Lodge No. 273 was read and ordered to be entered and filed: * * *.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 282 asking permission to take another ballot * * *. The petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

The Committee on Correspondence made its Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Publication, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Correspondence, Brothers Richard Vaux, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, John U. Giller and Edward Robins, ask leave to present their Annual Report.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary has forwarded to this Committee, the proceedings and documents from the following R. W. Grand Lodges, viz.:

MARYLAND	An. Com.,	May, 1860,	Baltimore.
TEXAS	"	June, 1860,	La Grange.
NEW YORK	Special "	June, 1860,	Utica.
MASSACHUSETTS	Proceedings, from Mar. 8 to	Dec. 27,'59,	Boston.
MAINE	An. Com.,	May, 1860,	Portland.
FLORIDA	"	Jan., 1860,	Tallahassee.

VERMONT	An. Com.	Jan., 1860,	Burlington.
TENNESSEE	"	Oct., 1859,	Nashville.
RHODE ISLAND	Proceedings, year ending	Jan. 25, 1860.	Providence.
NEW JERSEY	An. Com.,	May 24, '59,	Trenton.
ILLINOIS	"	Oct., 1859,	Springfield.
MICHIGAN	"	Jan., 1860,	Detroit.
CONNECTICUT	"	May, 1860,	New Haven.
INDIANA	"	May, 1860,	Indianapolis.
MISSISSIPPI	"	Jan., 1860,	Jackson.
VIRGINIA	"	Dec., 1859,	Richmond.
MISSOURI	"	May, 1860,	St. Louis.
CALIFORNIA	"	May, 1860,	Sacramento.
LOUISIANA	"	Feb., 1860,	New Orleans.

And also,

"Documents respecting the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and New York, published by the Masonic Historical Society in Brooklyn."

It is with regret that your Committee is led to notice the irregularity of the receipt by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges. It is worthy of consideration, if some system cannot be adopted for the prompt transmission of these publications between these masonic bodies. If the respective R. W. Grand Secretaries, would, by written communications, inform each other of the fact of the transmission of the printed proceedings by mail, it would enable those missing, to be obtained from the post office, or else secure a duplicate. Thus all these documents would be ready for examination at a proximate period to their publication. At the time your Committee prescribed for the preparation of this Report, it was in possession of the proceedings of twenty Grand Lodges only, and of these, some were for the year 1859. The great value of these proceedings to foreign jurisdictions, consists in the addresses of the R. W. Grand Masters, and the Reports of the Committees of Correspondence. In these papers most, if not all, that concerns the welfare of the craft, is carefully portrayed. These subjects which involve the interests of the Order universally, are to be found, explained or discussed. The opinions and views of each separate and supreme jurisdiction, are thus authoritatively announced, and each masonic question of sufficient significance to excite the attention or interest of the Order, is thus at the earliest moment brought within the review of all, and each. The delay which attends the reception of the proceedings of some of these Grand Lodges, not unfrequently is very prejudicial to the uniformity of this view. If one Grand Lodge is so fortunate as to be the prompt recipient of the transactions of another, the comments of the latter are observed before the proceedings themselves are in the possession of those, who first are made acquainted with their existence, by a review from either

a friendly or unfriendly opinion. To secure, therefore, a contemporary expression of the views of our sister institutions, is so desirable, that it seems not out of place, to bring this matter to the notice of each. It is not regarded as inconsistent with any known masonic rule or regulation, that an elightened masonic public opinion should be formed on those topics of general interest which are treated of in segregated congregations of the craft. If such a purpose is admissible or desirable, then the means we have suggested will more efficiently tend to its consummation. To bring our views to a clearer comprehension, by example, we state, that the proceedings of the last Annual Communication of one of the Grand Lodges of the craft, are commented upon, as we find in the published proceedings of another Grand Lodge, and we are not in possession of the published proceedings thus criticised. The difficulties and inconveniences, if not the disabilities, under which those labor who are required to examine fully the proffered publications of Grand bodies, in correspondence with each other, is too apparent to need further comment. Your Committee has paid a deserved tribute to the value of these official records of the action of the regularly constituted authority of the craft, wherever located, in expressing the loss sustained by the failure promptly to receive them. As far as we are in possession of the labors of our sister Grand Lodges at this time, we are gratified to find, that unity, peace and concord, are abiding in the tents of the brotherhood. The activity which everywhere marks their establishment and existence, is believed to be solid and substantial, and founded on those principles primarily and universally essential to Free Masonry.

The Masonic Institution, the basis on which it rests, the principles it teaches, the doctrines it practices, the faith it fulfills, are identical in every nation, tongue, and people. They have been consecrated by time. The duty and the destiny of each is to preserve them inviolate. The obligations common to all, demand a perpetuity of their integrity. The Masonic conscience, which speaks a language intuitively comprehensible among all people, forbids quiescence or acquiescence with, or innovations upon, ancient usages and traditions, or fundamental landmarks.

However much we can justly glory in the spread of our Order, however joyfully regard the increase of its numbers; however abundantly have our faith strengthened in the universality of its adaptation to the dwellers round the globe; yet all these things are of lesser importance to the true Masonic heart and mind, than the conviction from competent contemporary authority that the principles, usages, landmarks and traditions of the craft are maintained unimpaired in the integrity of their institution.

We are constrained to express the hope, that out of the activity thus apparent, to which we have referred, there may now grow a desire for increase of numbers, or the pride which a long roll of constituent members naturally creates. That neither sentiment will

ever be permitted to prevent or stifle that watchfulness, caution, and careful examination in every jurisdiction of the craft, on which so greatly depends the integrity of our Order, the perpetuity of its principles, the conservation of its ancient landmarks, and the purity of its traditions. That unfaithfulness which is the result of a want of thorough teaching, and may be the consequence of rapidly increasing members, or the undue establishment of Lodges of the craft, once admitted within the enclosure, may be disastrous. It is far more easily admitted than ejected. The unity and harmony once disturbed by the introduction of the unworthy, is very difficult to be regained. The compensation of large numbers of members, or Lodges, fails utterly to cancel the dangerous consequences thus likely to be visited upon the whole body.

The looseness in the work or its want of uniformity, as noticed by the R. W. Grand Master of Iowa, in his last address, is too often produced by the causes referred to. And so, too, can we explain the number of decaying long-established Lodges. Men are made Masons by dispensation, join Lodges away from their permanent residences, take different degrees in different Lodges, serve no due and regular periods in their several stages of advancement, are uninstructed in the labors of their several callings, as they go up, from an apprentice to a master workman, and therefore, it is not strange or unexpected, that such a state of things exists, as the R. W. Grand Master of Kentucky deplores in the following language, from his address:

"I am much at a loss what to advise in relation to the establishment of new Lodges. That many of the old ones are in a dying state, and ought to be closed, is unquestionably true, and in such cases new Lodges, within a few miles of them, would not be so much amiss. But how much better it would be for zealous brethren to affiliate with those Lodges, infuse new blood into them, warm and animate them, and thus obviate the necessity of establishing new Lodges to the certain death of those old ones. A Lodge itself is but a myth; it is not a tangible thing; it is *the brethren* who make it, who work it, who give it character, who are to be considered in all questions relative to it. A few earnest, self-sacrificing brethren, understanding the true purposes for which Masonry is established, can renovate a decaying Lodge in a year or two, to their own honor and credit, and the lasting benefit of the craft."

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never regarded the multiplication of Lodges, or a large number of members of an existing Lodge, as evidence in themselves of the flourishing condition of Masonry. A few Lodges, and well-instructed members, are surer signs of real Masonic stability, and permanence in progress.

We speak in no spirit of criticism, or jealousy, or reproof. This language is but the outpourings of a Masonic caution, which is, and will be acceptable to all who feel the responsibilities of sentinels on the towers of the Temple.

The long agitated question of the institution of a Masonic Congress of the U. S. Grand Lodges is yet occupying the attention of the Order. For nearly eighty years past, this subject has been sporadically suggested to Masonic consideration. Our own Grand Lodge was the first it is believed that acted in regard to it, so far back in the past as January, 1780. Then Bro. George Washington was, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, proposed as the G. G. Master of Masons in America. The then peculiar condition of the fraternity in the colonies and inchoate State sovereignties, might have required at that early period some paternal protection. It is not improbable that the political crisis in the affairs of the country, had produced an influence on Masonry, which portended a disorganization of the true Masonic system of supreme and subordinate relations. Conflicting Masonic, with political jurisdictions, might have been foreseen as either inevitable or imminent. No greater evil could at that period have visited our Order in this country. Whatever may have been the motives, these are so probable that we need look for none more reasonable. From the period referred to, till the 13th September, 1859, there have been no less than sixteen efforts to establish a Congress of Masonic Lodges in the United States. The basis of these proposed convocations have differed. There appears to have been no unity of idea in these organizations. Uniformity in work was prominently presented as one of the necessities for this object. At the last meeting held in Chicago for the establishment of a "North American Masonic Congress," no direct mention is made of effecting a uniformity of work, or perhaps better to express it, the establishment of uniformity in the work, is not expressly set forth as one of its proposed projects. It can, we believe, justly be said, that from 1780, till 1859, the grounds on which a Central Grand Lodge of the United States have been proposed, have so varied, that hardly any one has unalterably been adhered to, and hence the motives of those instrumental in its accomplishment, have been changed or modified by time or circumstances. That, which one period suggested as important, as a cause for thus centralizing Masonic power, at another, lost its force, or was minor to other considerations. If for eighty years a positive, permanent necessity has not been admitted as continuing or continuous uninterruptedly, for such establishment, it is questionable if any undisputed benefit can now arise from it. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has for the past few years been unwilling to unite in the project. She doubts, and has doubted, the utility, either to Masonry or its members, which will result from such an institution. If in active operation, its power and authority would be only moral and not Masonic. It could enforce obedience to none of its rules or regulations. If acquiesced in, they rest only on negative obedience. Even the moral power itself would be too weak to command affirmative acknowledgment. Acquiescence in a decision of a question submitted, does not include an admission of the correctness, or an acknowledgment

of the authority. If this is true of the proceedings of a Central Grand Lodge, in which all the Grand Lodges of the United States are represented, it has more force when it refers to one, of which five Grand Lodges only, comprise the constituent members. If uniformity of work was the desired result from a union of less than all the Grand Lodges by representatives in a Congress, it seems difficult to foresee how uniformity is to be established, when each has its own standard. Each must believe in the purity of its proceedings; each regard its method, as illustrating the ancient teachings; each have a living faith in the correctness of its traditions. Could any one, on the decision of the representatives of the other four United States Grand Lodges, give up, abandon or alter that which it regards consecrated by time as the ancient testimony delivered to it from the landmarks of the fathers? We cannot believe, that by so comparatively modern interpretation of ancient principles and practice, the ties which had bound the brethren to their forms, and united them with the spirit which dwelleth in these forms, could be severed or destroyed. If no other danger, if no other innovation might grow out of a Central Masonic organization, this of itself is sufficient to create a doubt as to its propriety.

We cannot clearly see any positive practical good to result from a "North American Masonic Congress." There are no subjects, or questions, or points of law, which could be so submitted to this Congress, constituted of five, or a larger number, of the Grand Lodges of the United States, which, by consent, could give it supreme or authoritative jurisdiction.

If it had only to occupy its meetings with proceedings or action, inoperative for benefit to the craft, because not obligatory, it might, from the consciousness of its unaccountability or weakness, produce difficulties and trouble; jealousies or contentions; schisms or sectionalisms. If none of these consequences are probable, they might be possible, and hence the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is still unwilling to participate in this movement. Let it be clearly understood that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania does not express these as her reasons for refusal to unite with those Grand Lodges which are represented in this Congress. She is unwilling now to join them. Having so decided by not agreeing to unite with them, her respect for the views of a supreme sister Grand Lodge, will not permit her to enter into any question as to the wisdom and propriety of the action of such Grand Lodge. Each Grand Lodge is a supreme sovereign authority, answerable only to its constituents for its acts. We have here only attempted to suggest some views which lead to an unfavorable opinion as to the proposed Congress, and the consequences which may be concomitant with its creation. We are so fully sustained in these views by the most able Report of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that we respectfully ask for it the attention of the Masonic fraternity.

(Extract.)

A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

Two of the members of your Committee were present at the National Masonic Convention.

Brother Finlay M. King, of New York, was elected President, and Bro. Rob. Morris, Grand Master of Kentucky, Secretary.

A committee was appointed, who reported a plan for a confederation of Grand Lodges, with a constitution for its government.

No obstruction was offered for perfecting its details, but, when perfected, the whole system was opposed by one of the representatives of this Grand Lodge. As now proposed, it is merely advisory, and, were it to continue so, might be productive of some good—and of some evil.

Your Committee, however, are utterly opposed to the whole system, for reasons which they will now give:

1. It will produce confusion in the Craft.

At the present time, harmony, with only one slight exception, prevails in the Union and Canada among the Craft. This question, thrown among them, creates a new element of discord. At the present time, all disputed questions are fast being settled through the discussions of our Grand Masters and Committees on Correspondence and Jurisprudence. These men have access to Masonic libraries and proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and, in their retirement, consider, study, and weigh each other's arguments and opinions, and ultimately a correct and tolerably uniform decision is reached. When these same men shall be thrown together, far from home, with many cares upon their minds, with little or no time for reflection, and no libraries to resort to, they will be far less liable to arrive at correct conclusions. These conclusions will be scrutinized critically by the Craft everywhere, and, if correct, or in opposition to the settled policy of the Grand Lodges, will be disregarded. Besides, if men, whose carefully prepared and well-digested opinions are entitled to weight, should, in their haste, give currency to unsound opinions, it would be injurious to their reputations, and beget a general distrust in all our jurisprudence.

2. The system is unequal.

It puts the State of New York on a par with Delaware. The latter is entitled to her due share of influence, and no more. Without intending any discourtesy, we would respectfully ask New York if she is willing to be weighed down by Delaware? Massachusetts, if she is willing her ancient and excellent jurisprudence should be placed in the scale with some of our youthful Grand Lodges? South Carolina or Vermont, if they are willing that their well-settled work and usages should be overruled by a half dozen of the Grand Lodges which can be named?

3. The present system is as equal as can be made.

Each Grand Lodge now exercises influence by various means—

some by their numbers; some by their well-settled usages; others by the learning and wisdom of their eminent men; and others still by their varied and useful reports.

As was well said at Chicago, if we want reliable information from abroad—if we look for sound Masonic learning upon many subjects—we go to the reports of Bro. King. In a Masonic confederation he would count but one.

4. It is an indirect blow against the independence of the Grand Lodges. It will take but a short time to cumulate powers.

5. It will be valueless, because not general.

The Grand Lodges in the West, with two or three exceptions, will never enter such a confederacy. They understand each other, are at peace with each other, and are content to "let well enough alone."

6. It is an innovation.

Grand Lodges are the highest authority known in Masonry. They are sovereign, and should never cede away any of their sovereignty. The Grand Lodge of Illinois is bound to New York by many ties of consanguinity, commerce and brotherly love; and, as we must necessarily rely upon her invaluable reports for much of our Masonic light, we respectfully ask her to avoid this new bone of discussion. We know they will respect us, and for once we hope to be heard. Your Committee recommend for adoption the resolutions hereto appended.

Respectfully submitted.

W. LAVELY, L. P. CHENEY, *Committee.*

We feel assured on perusing the Report of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Texas, that it does not fully understand the character of the "Charity Fund" of this Grand Lodge, which arises out of the legacy in the will of our deceased Brother, Stephen Girard. Bro. Stephen Girard, whose fame and philanthropy are so well known, and so fully appreciated by men and Masons in Philadelphia; and in deed, throughout other portions of our country, devised (among other munificent gifts,) to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the sum of $20,000, to accumulate till the whole amounted to $30,000, the yearly interest of which was then to be by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, distributed to "*poor and respectable*" brethren, applicants for relief. The only qualification attaching to the distributees, was, that they were to be "poor and respectable brethren." The Grand Lodge created a Committee called the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," and this body meets regularly, and on proper investigation distributes the yearly interest to such as come within the requirements of the testator. Country, clime or jurisdiction, are alike unimportant. That charity, which is peculiarly Masonic, ignores all claims but a necessity, which can use the language required for Masonic relief. Bro. Girard, fully understanding the principle on which true Ma-

sonic charity alone can exert its efforts for those who require them, devised the fund to the Grand Lodge, to be used as Masonic charity dictates. This we hope will explain the character of this Charity Fund, and at least satisfy all, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has no claim for reimbursement of any distributed part of the Girard Fund. We make this explanation in answer to the following remarks of the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas.

"We observe too, that the Stewards of the Girard Fund, report having granted relief to seventy-seven poor and respectable brethren—$1,980; of which $380 was to applicants hailing from foreign jurisdictions, one of whom from Texas, was relieved $30. If this Grand Lodge was aware of the design of the testator, and knew precisely the rules which govern the Stewards of the Fund, they would be enabled to decide at once whether it was their duty to refund the same. It may be well to remark here, that the Grand Lodge of Texas is always willing to repay to other jurisdictions and relief Lodges for whatever is bestowed on the worthy of Texas, but she requires, by the extensive circulation of her proceedings and full lists of Lodge Members, to guard against imposition. We have no doubt, when fully advised of the nature of the Girard Charity Fund—and if the Masonic Fraternity of the world have no equitable claim thereon, except they belong to the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania—she will promptly transmit the amount named, and need only refer to her action with Louisiana as guarantee."

We are pleased to observe, that the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana refers to the fact, that members initiated in one Subordinate Lodge, have had their further advancement consummated in another, and he denotes it as a "violation of Masonic law and usage." The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, called the attention of the Craft in the last Report from this Committee to the practice of initiating individuals in a Masonic jurisdiction, foreign to that of their permanent residence, and consequently includng the practice which the Grand Lodge of Louisiana disapproves of, as against Masonic "Law and usage."

How far the former may be in violation of any universal Masonic law we are not prepared to discuss. That it is in violation of a sound principle of Masonic action, against a usage which should be universal, we fully agree. It is, to say the least, a discourtesy to subordinate or supreme authority, and is worthy of the general consideration of all the Grand Lodges of the United States. We are willing at this time to invite the attention of the Grand Lodges of the United States to this practice, in the hope, that the R. W. Grand Masters of each will bring the subject to the attention of the subordinate Lodges attached to their several jurisdictions, cautioning them against the further yielding to a precedent, which is so marked by a variance with true Masonic rule and right. Great injustice may thus be done to subordinate Lodges, if this practice is longer

tolerated, and the very first requirements of Masonic confraternity, avoided or defeated.

The Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, has given a passing comment on the Reports of the Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge. The most objectionable part of our Report to the Vermont Committee is thus spoken of: "Your Committee cannot sympathize with the Pennsylvania Committee, in their onslaught upon Masonic publications. They cannot subscribe to the doctrine that 'ignorance is bliss,' and ''tis folly to be wise,' which is the substance of their teachings. Rather would we say, give us *'light!'* 'LIGHT!' 'LIGHT!'"

We pass by, the at least, ungenerous reference to that portion of our Report which related to the differences among the Craft in Canada, as worthy only of a notice for the questionable Masonic spirit in which it is written. It is in these words: * * * "In accordance with those 'ancient' notions, she cannot see 'a very clear Masonic record' in the union of the two antagonistic bodies in Canada, the record of the proceedings prior to that 'union' is not full enough. She waits for 'further light.'"

We have in no one instance, in noticing the action or proceedings of any sister Grand Lodge, descended from the position of fraternal respect which is due to, and we entertain for all of these Grand Lodges. Whatever of criticism cannot be conveyed to the reader without either flippancy or indecorum, is valueless. It ceases to be criticism. We have heretofore frankly, but courteously, spoken what to us seemed proper and pertinent of the transactions of other jurisdictions as came within the scope of our views of the Report to be submitted to our own Grand Lodge as its Committee. In our examination of the proceedings of these grand bodies, we were led to the conviction that too much prominence, and too much value were given to Masonic publications. That their authors and their labors were referred to, not only with commendation but lauditorily. In but few instances have any of these publications been subjected to the critical examination of the Craft, which alone could warrant or justify their being endorsed as Masonic teachings. To indicate that the Masonic character of such publications rested on their intrinsic worth, and not on official sanction of the fraternity, and at the same time to discourage their unrestrained increase, we ventured so far as was within the power of one Committee of Correspondence to express our views of these true relations to official Masonic authority. We now neither retract any of our opinions, nor regret their expression. If individuals, members of the Craft, feel disposed to write on Masonic subjects, and do so, without violating any rule or landmarks of masonry, it is an individual labor, and may or may not be, either valuable or hurtful. Because they write and print, and publish, it does not follow as a consequence that they either instruct or improve, or enlighten. That "light" is made manifest out of the darkness of the author's mind, because he

is the author or publisher of a "Masonic publication," we cannot admit, though it may be we are in the darkness of an ignorance which "Vermont" light would easily dispel. Still we in this case adhere to our "bliss." The remarks we have heretofore made, and now repeat, concerning Masonic publications, that they are often unauthorized, crude, without much value, aimless or purposeless, as teaching Masonic knowledge, and not deserving of the prominence and importance too often attached to them, are, we venture to suggest, indirectly, if not practically endorsed by the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Surely, official annual addresses of R. W. Grand Masters to their Grand Lodges, stand in a far more unassailable position than the "publications" we have referred to. These addresses are regarded, as we think, of the highest importance. They are of a dignity, worthy the greatest Masonic respect. Notwithstanding they are accredited Masonic publications, the R. W. Grand Master of New York, in his last address, speaks of them in a language indicating that Vermont "light" had not yet reached his Masonic eye. "Remarking on the character of the custom of delivering an address at the opening of a Grand Lodge," the Grand Master of New York, declares it to be of "modern origin," and referring to such addresses, he further adds: "The character and objects of such communications are well-defined in the public Constitutions," (*State and National*) "to which reference has been had, but most briefly in our State Constitutions, by which the governor is required to 'communicate to the legislature at every session, the condition of the State; and recommend such matters to them as he shall judge expedient.' It is not a digression to add in this connection, that, not only was the idea thus borrowed, but the practice under it have been closely followed. If the chief magistrate of a State sometimes avails himself of his message to pen a treatise on political economy, or to express his opinions upon public questions, without the sphere of strict legislative action, so Grand Masters sometimes catch the infection, and compose dissertations on topics of Masonic ethics or literature, or present their views on questions concerning which they neither seek nor expect action by their Grand Lodges."

If this is a just description of authorized official publications, we need hardly be called to account, and charged with blissful ignorance and stupidity, because we are in such darkness as not to see the feeble light emanating from every individual, who catches "the infection" of writing and publishing "dissertations" on "Masonic ethics, or literature," neither of which he may be able to comprehend nor explain. We trust our brethren of the Vermont Committee will pardon our notice of their report, but it seemed to require it, owing to the unkind spirit it manifested, and which we conceived was uncalled for.

If the official Reports of Committees of Foreign Correspondence, instead of breathing the spirit of Masonic charity and fraternity, and

regard for the Craft and its duly constituted authorities and their proceedings, degenerate into caviling comments; if instead of dignified criticisms on questions involved, unseemly commonplace is substituted; if instead of official review, the individual writer substitutes self for substance; if instead of the meek unostentatious spirit of Masonic faith, and hope, and charity, which should ever characterize all the transactions of the Craft, the pharisaical sentiment of "holier than thou," is arrogantly displayed; then we fear that the value of these reports and the respect which otherwise is eminently due to them, will be unmistakably lessened. In the most respectful and fraternal spirit, and without intended application to any one of the reports under consideration, we venture to offer these suggestions, for the only purpose of guarding the labors of any Committee, from influences which may detract from their present high character, as the expression of authentic authorized opinions of their respective Masonic jurisdictions.

Your Committee notices in one of these Grand Lodge Reports, a reference to its Ahiman Rezon, which provides for the mode of electing or re-electing a "Senior Warden," and for the "choice of all the inferior officers." The mode thus prescribed requires the "Master elect shall nominate *one* for the Senior Warden's chair, and the present Master and Brethren shall nominate *one* in opposition; *both* of whom shall withdraw till the ballot is closed." They then are both brought in before the Master, the poll declared and the elected one is thus the Senior Warden. This plan has received the sanction of a R. W. Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of which it is practiced, and hence is the rule and guide of its action in the premises. It is entitled to our respect as the mode there adopted. It seems, however, a question, if this is the most satisfactory system of electing officers of subordinate Lodges. True the qualifications for the work of a Lodge is well understood by a Past-Master and a Master elect, as the Senior Warden is on the way to the East. But the members themselves ought to be able to judge of these qualifications.

If they give due attention to the proceedings in their Lodges, they should not only be able so to judge, but if they were allowed an unrestricted choice of the man for the place, a greater degree of interest would be excited in them to attend the regular and extra summonses of their Lodge. To enlarge the selective or elective power to the whole Lodge membership, would also increase the interest all should entertain in and for Masonic labors. It would most probably induce each member to give strict attention to all that transpired in his Lodge, as it might be his duty under these circumstances to note defects or errors. Each member thus awakened to the necessity of watchfulness, as well to learn as to observe, is perfecting himself for any elective or appointed position. The likelihood of his being acceptable to the electing power, is thus enhanced by the fact of his admitted ability for his position. Possessing these requisites, this fact might inspire him with the desire so to demean

himself as to secure the good opinion of his brethren. By such conjoined recommendation, the labors, unity and harmony, and fraternity of the Lodge are preserved.

While speaking on this subject, we think it not amiss to remark, that we do not desire to be understood as advocating the propriety of any member of either a supreme or subordinate Lodge, soliciting preferment to Lodge stations. It is merit alone, qualification only, should be the tests by which the stations are to be filled. The Craft should be left free to select brethren to fill these important positions. The unsolicited voice of a majority of the Lodge, consolidated into a ballot, should designate the most suitable for all its elective positions.

From the perusal of the proceedings of several of our sister Grand Lodges, we are led to consider the most effective mode of imparting instruction to the elective and appointed officers and members of subordinate Lodges. The most general system now adopted is by Grand Lecturers, whose duties require them to visit the Lodges and give such information as they may be enabled to impart. How far this system is effective for the real object sought to be attained, is a question of serious importance. In some jurisdictions it seems about the only possible mode of reaching Lodges scattered over a large jurisdiction. The geographical relations these lodges bear to the permanent location of the supreme authority, and indeed, the same relations as applied to the several subordinate Lodges themselves, make it more than difficult to determine between this system. and any other which is not peculiarly adapted to this geographical position of the Lodges.

We do not feel either justified or sufficiently informed, to question the propriety of the employment of these Grand Officers in such jurisdictions as we have referred to. Our present purpose is not to express disapprobation of the system itself, as one dedicated to instruction in Masonic law and practice. We are anxious to take a broader view of this or any other system, which is authoritatively adopted as one for instruction. There are in every Grand Lodge, questions constantly occurring as to the practice, under the law which regulates the proceedings of Lodges. These questions are sometimes unimportant in themselves, and again they are vital, both intrinsically and relatively. They are, as it is known to the fraternity, *sui generis.* No greater danger can menace any Grand Lodge, or the Masonic Institution, than that which grows up from loose and erroneous interpretations of landmarks and traditions. "The work,"—that mysterious labor of the Craft in the Temple, is exemplified by chosen Master workmen, on whose knowledge and integrity so much responsibility rests. Proper instruction, there, to the members, from among whom the former are chosen, should be carefully communicated from enlightened practical sources. We are not satisfied that lectures are the surest mode of imparting this knowledge. It requires one more practical and demonstrative. Oral

teaching should be followed or accompanied by exemplification. One visit by a Grand Lecturer to one Lodge is hardly sufficient for this purpose. There is too much of officially imparted information, presupposing all understand that which a Grand Lecturer refers to, without details, which are the more satisfactory and thoroughly explanatory.

To avoid the formal, and cold, and corpse-like character of the teachings, which is inseparably connected with a grand visitation from a Grand Lecturer, on a tour among the Lodges, however anxious for, and hopeful of, a better fate this officer may expect to attend his labors; a more genial, communicative, unostentatious, and if we may use the word, sociable mode might be devised. It is well known that in any formal explanation of a subject by a lecturer, the hearers have constantly suggested to their minds, questions and doubts which the remarks create, but which there is no opportunity to have either answered or resolved. But if the same remarks were made in a conversational manner, if a colloquial character was given to the imparting of the information, these questions could be put and these doubts removed. This would produce fuller and more intelligible information, and, each hearer would be enlightened on subjects which to him would else not be satisfactorily explained. If there is any force in these views, then the mode of reaching the difficulty becomes worthy of attention. We believe that Lodges of instruction would fully accomplish all that is desired. These Lodges might be composed of the elected and appointed officers of continuous independent Lodges, and open to all their members who feel interest in the proceedings. A Grand Officer, either a Grand Lecturer, or a District Deputy Grand Master, or a member of a subordinate Lodge, might convoke lodges of instruction, in a location convenient to several subordinate Lodges. The circuit system could be introduced, and then each subordinate lodge might be embraced in circles or circuits, the circumference of each making segments of the other. This plan is easily carried into practice; the benefits would be manifest; the advantages decided. The system of instruction would be acceptable, because it would adapt itself to the necessities of the members. It would teach, explain, exemplify; and uniformity would be a consequence, if not the primary object. The standard of Masonic practical knowledge would be raised to a much needed point of excellence. The pride of each Lodge would be excited to be equal with the best informed. True Masonic ambition would be animated to learn those things which mark the bright Mason in every jurisdiction. The principles of Masonry would be inculcated, and the work of the craftsmen would prove their attachment to the institution, and show they appreciated its benefits.

The R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, refers to this subject in his last annual address to that Grand Lodge. It so strikingly coincides with our views, which were written before

we received the proceedings of that Grand Lodge, that we feel it a duty to add them to our own remarks.

"My attention has been anxiously directed, all through the past year, to the subject of uniformity of work and lectures. I have been aware, ever since my removal to this State, in 1851, that great diversity exists in the Kentucky rituals; but when I served as Grand Lecturer, in 1853-4, under Grand Master Todd, I found the diversity greater and more serious than I could have supposed. But during my official term as Grand Master, I have discoverd that these discrepancies are, in some instances, startling and enormous. Literally every Master of a Lodge in Kentucky does what seemeth good in his own eyes. In many of the Lodges, some brother of local reputation, who has acquired the Work and Lectures, he alone knows how, controls the Craft around him; is quoted as an infallible guide, and his instructions followed with unhesitating confidence. Yet scarcely any two of these brethren have the same system! A general idea—oftener an incorrect one than the reverse—runs through these hundred systems; but in the details, and in the covenants, and in the means of recognition, the discrepancies are numerous, dangerous, and to be considered with the most serious attention by the Grand Lodge. The records of the Grand Lodge show that this has always been the case, to a considerable extent, though not so seriously as at present; and the same difficulty has equally prevailed in the other Western and Southern States. * * * It being my covenanted duty as Grand Master, to see that the Lodges work uniformly, and according to the ancient system, I established at Louisville, in November last, weekly meetings of a *School of Instruction.* In May I invited all the Lodges of the State and other States, to send their delegates to a two weeks' session of this School. In June I held a session of the School for one week, at Harrodsburg, and in July a third session at Maysville. All these meetings were largely attended, and the strictest heed given to the entire course of instruction."

From the Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, this Committee is informed that Brother Finlay M. King has declined to accept the reappointment of Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of that Grand Lodge. In common with all the like Committees of other Grand Lodges, we sincerely regret this determination of Brother King. The reports which have issued from his pen, were of such a character as to make it a pleasure to peruse them. Able, energetic, full of Masonic zeal, bold, dignified and logical, he treated his subjects elaborately and forcibly. Full of Masonic acquirement and information, he gave instruction while he displayed his moderation. Having had a correspondence with him on questions which had produced variance between the Grand Lodges each represented, we can bear a willing testimony to his Masonic worth and virtues. We wish for his successor in that arduous position, no higher or better commendation, than that he has made a model

of his predecessor. Equaling him in devotion to Masonry, may he dip his official pen in the same Masonic spirit. We feel gratified in believing that the reports from the present Chairman of the New York Committee will be agreeable and acceptable additions to this class of official Masonic papers.

Your Committee had prepared so much of this Report, when it received from the R. W. Grand Secretary, the proceedings of the following R. W. Grand Lodges, that is to say:

KANSAS	An. Com., Oct.,	1859,	Lawrence.
KENTUCKY	" Oct.,	1859,	Louisville.
ALABAMA	" Dec.,	1859,	Montgomery.
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	from Dec., 1858 to Dec.,	1859,	Washington.
NEW JERSEY	from May, 1859 to Jan.,	1860,	Trenton.
N. CAROLINA	An. Com., Dec.,	1859,	Raleigh.
OREGON	" June,	1859,	Eugene City.
DELAWARE	" June,	1859,	Wilmington.
T. OF WASHINGTON	" Sept.	1859,	Olympia.
MARYLAND	" Nov.,	1859,	Baltimore.
GEORGIA	"	1859,	Macon.
CONNECTICUT	" May,	1859,	Hartford.
NEBRASKA	" June,	1859,	Bellevue.
MINNESOTA	" Oct.,	1859,	Saint Paul.
S. CAROLINA	" Nov.	1859,	Charleston.
TEXAS	" June,	1859,	Crockett.
IOWA	" June,	1860,	Burlington.
KENTUCKY	Report of Committee of Foreign Correspondence, October Sessions,	1860.	
NEBRASKA	An. Com., June,	1860,	Brownville.

In nearly all the Reports of Committees of Correspondence under review, we find the most fraternal feelings and the most gratifying notices of our own R. W. Grand Lodge, and also flattering mention of the labors of this Committee. We do not desire to do more than indicate that we have perused them with pleasure. To name each, would justify the belief that we desired to discriminate between the more or less favorable character of their notices. Our whole duty is to the trust imposed on us; our first care, the R. W. Grand Lodge, whose officers we are; our anxiety to benefit, if we can, by all our labors, the fraternity to which we are united, by enduring ties of affection and respect. Our aim is to promote peace and harmony among the Grand Lodges of the Craft, to strengthen the Union of sister sovereign jurisdictions. Our efforts are directed calmly to consider the state of Masonry among them, and respectfully, and with Masonic dignity, to express our opinion with love, charity and fearlessness. We deem it out of our province, beyond our proper line of duty, derogatory to the supreme, independent authority of other Grand Lodges, to obtrude criticism on their affairs as they see fit

and proper to manage them. We would not submit to such indignity from others, and we carefully avoid it towards them.

We con confidently rely on this being the unanimously conceded opinion of all the R. W. Grand Lodges in correspondence with us. Holding this opinion as eminently Masonic, and worthy of respect, we had occasion to refer to our sister Grand Lodge of Vermont, and regret she overstepped this, our line of Masonic relations with her and with all Grand Lodges. We now are deeply pained at the remarks of the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, in reference to this Committee, or one of its members.

(We make the following Extract.)

PENNSYLVANIA.

"We have but an abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The Committee of Foreign Correspondence presented a lengthy report at the 'Extra Grand Communication,' in December last. The report is mainly taken up with correspondence between Bro. Vaux, Chairman of the Committee, and Bro. Finlay M. King, Chairman of like Committee in New York, on the New York difficulties. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania refused to recognize either Grand Lodge in New York, until the settlement of the trouble, upon which it passed resolutions of fellowship again. The Committee indulge in some general remarks on the prominence given to Masonic publications, and seem to be impressed with doubts of their usefulness. They say that 'Masonry existed, flourished, and was harmonious in their absence,' and that 'the risk run of improvement hardly justifies the experiment of at least their encouragement and increase.' We are inclined to think that Bro. Vaux is an 'old fogy.' Now, there are two kinds of old fogies, those who have their eyes open, and those who are blind; and a blind old fogy is quite as apt to be wrong as right. He opposes everything that appears to him new, on general principles, and had Bro. Vaux, who we are inclined to regard as one of these, lived in the first part of the 18th century, and his way of thinking prevailed, we doubt if even Anderson's Constitutions would ever have seen the light. Certain are we, that the publication of Webb's Monitor met the opposition of just such Brethren. To say that Moore of Boston, Moore of Cincinnati, Morris, Mackey, Mitchell, King, Parvin, and such like writers for Masonic periodicals, have injured the cause of Masonry is ridiculous."

The terms used to designate the opinions expressed by the brother, who, as Chairman of this Committee, stands amenable to its criticism, are neither fraternal, Masonic nor respectful. If the views he expressed are erroneous, unmasonic, illogical, or obnoxious to censure, it should suffice to expose their weakness. The epithets applied are unbecoming and inexcusable. For the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Texas Committee professes respect, and we fain

would hope that hereafter the notice taken, if any shall be, of this Grand Lodge Committee, the terms and language employed may comport with that dignified criticism, which it is ever the right of all to make, and each to take, in the recognizable Masonic spirit of official correspondence.

We turn, however, from the words which cause these sentiments to exist, as well as those hereinbefore mentioned, to pay a highly deserved tribute of admiration to the Report of the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland. That Report may well be taken as a model. Its tone is eminently worthy of commendation. It is masterly, and Masonic. The character of its criticisms is such, as to excite the respect of those even, with whom it does not coincide, on subjects considered and reviewed. We have no difficulty "to discover the name of the author."

The Report refers to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in a spirit of fraternal respect and regard, which is most highly appreciated, and this Committee feels that truth and justice, as well as the true spirit of Masonry require it to be acknowledged and reciprocated.

The Maryland Committee does not yet seem to understand the position the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has taken in regard to "Masonic publications." The addresses of R. W. Grand Masters and Committees of Correspondence, are not either necessarily or impliedly included under that designation. They might be so included, if they were obnoxious to the criticism which we have heretofore suggested as possibly applicable to some publications claimed to be Masonic. It is hardly probable, however, that they could be identified with any such "printed papers." We have remarked, that "the good which the printed papers *may* do, may be buried with, and the evil they *can* do, survive their ephemerality." The Maryland Committee inquires, "How can this be?" "If ephemeral in their nature the evil must perish with the good." "And it is hardly likely that the work of one sort will be permanent while the other is transient."

Do we understand the Committee to assert that an ephemeral evil is as transitory as its results, or that these results are as transient as their causes? Let us go into the natural world for an example, and in refutation of this interrogatively put proposition. A tornado, wild with a spirit of evil, is transient and destructive. It passes away like unto a cloud before the wind. Its results are dreadful, and death-giving, fearful to behold; full of majestic grandeur, and as lasting as time. Let us go into the moral world, vice comes like the spirit of evil on the wings of temptation. It smites its victim, and passes away. The results, the lasting, permanent injuries, which were produced by this ephemeral cause, often are only hidden from human sight by the grave of the tempted. Let us again seek refutation in the Masonic world. A "printed paper" claims to teach Masonic truth, but only containing the crude opinions of a self-sufficient writer, ephemeral as like productions ever are, they may

be the transient cause of introducing a lasting breach in the harmony and unity of a Lodge of the Craft. This printed paper might introduce error for truth, and before the latter could be "left free to combat it," the lasting evil is caused or created.

Let us go into the social world; how many heart-burnings; how many broken friendships; how many jealousies, lasting and life-long, has the fleeting and forgotten, incautiously-spoken jest, produced.

All these causes may produce good, yet this consequence may be short-lived, while the evil resulting from the same causes in exaggeration, can exist to produce posterity.

The questions propounded by Brother McJilton, we are fully prepared to answer in the affirmative. Yet these questions and this reply, in no way apply to our remarks as to "Masonic publications." "The free discussion of many subjects of Masonic interest and character" by "Grand Masters and Committees of Correspondence," are within the line circumscribing "what ought and ought not to be published and circulated." The "high immunity," to judge of the character of these subjects, and the Masonic mode of treating them in such official papers, belongs to brethren of no Grand Lodge, nor to all the brethren of all the Grand Lodges combined. The covenants, compacts and landmarks, of Free Masonry, are the sole judges, claiming this "high immunity." Whatever is violative of these covenants, compacts and landmarks, is to be tested and determined by them respectively or unitedly, and it is not in the power of any or all of the Craft to question the jurisdiction of this tribunal or set aside its decrees. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania does not claim this "high immunity." She does not allow a claim to it made by any other authority than those referred to. She only desires to caution all true Masons against innovations on the prerogatives of this ancient, this original, this only source of Masonic light and truth, and law. She is anxious, it may be tenacious, on the subject of crude, ill-digested, individual notions or views on vital questions, directly involving the Masonic institution. She has only expressed a fear, lest the evils arising out of ephemeral publications, individual, unauthorized, unsanctioned, unexamined, unconsidered, yet claiming to be Masonic, may work to the lasting injury of the brotherhood. She has in a voice only loud enough to whisper caution to the ear of the Craft, intimated that too much prominence has been given to Masonic publications, and most fraternally suggested that their increase might not be productive of positive good.

We are happy to be able, in this kind and friendly, and respectful feeling for the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, to rejoin to its review of the abstract of proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and the Report of her Committee of Correspondence. We cannot conclude these remarks without tendering to the Committee of that Grand Lodge the assurance of the sincere regard and Masonic fellowship we entertain for it, and the high estimate we place on the able and admirable Report, the material part of which relating to us has been thus noticed.

This Committee is not in possession of any Report of proceedings of the Craft in Canada. We regret it is not therefore in our power to give any further views on the condition of Masonic relations between the Grand Lodge of England and the brethren in those provinces. Our remarks on this subject made in the last Report submitted to this R. W. Grand Lodge, were not intended to conclude further examination of this question. On the contrary, we expressly disclaimed any final judgment on the merits, because we admitted we were not in possession of all the requisite information necessary to such final decision. It is to be hoped that the brethren in Canada will not so construe our notice of their Masonic standing in relation to the R. W. Grand Lodge of England. In our last Report, certain self-evident Masonic propositions, as we thought, were set out, as incident to the jurisdictions of Grand Lodges. These were considered as essential to the existence of a supreme sovereign jurisdiction. They were invoked as abstractly applicable to any question of conflict of such Masonic authorities. How far they were, or are applicable to Canada, is a point we have not fully considered or discussed, because we were not informed of all the facts by which only that could be determined. The omission to send to this Grand Lodge its later proceedings, or their having been sent and miscarried, or from whatever accidental cause we are not in receipt of them, induces this Committee thus to refer to their absence from the list of those now acknowledged.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania desires to avoid incautious or rash opinions on questions of grave Masonic import. She seeks to speak on all such questions deliberately and with all the information attainable. She is unwilling to do injustice to any of the fraternity. She avoids the necessity, if possible, of retracting an opinion inconsiderately expressed. She is most reluctant to augment difficulties or their adjustment, by becoming partisan in their discussion. She, if possible and practicable in accomplishment, aims to preserve or restore unity, peace and concord, in and between brethren and jurisdictions. These rules of her Masonic conduct may subject her to animadversions on her official course, as an independent supreme authority. It nevertheless comports with her historical character, her own judgment of propriety, and her past and present relations with the craft everywhere. So soon as she can fully understand all the facts and circumstances relating to the difficulties in Canada, her Masonic opinion will be deliberately formed, and respectfully and fearlessly expressed. That done, she will leave to the Masonic world to consider and estimate it as the judgment of a sovereign sister Grand Lodge, responsible only to itself, Masonic truth and wisdom.

Among the "printed publications," in possession of this Committee, is one entitled, "Documents respecting the Controversy between the Grand Lodges of *Hamburg* and *New York*, published by the *Masonic Historical Society in Brooklyn*." It seems proper, without any discussion of the questions involved, to notice this publication. The

origin of this "controversy" appears to have arisen out of the custom of appointing Grand Lodge representatives from one foreign Grand Lodge to another. A species of resident diplomatic Masonic agents; who are accredited by and between Grand Masonic bodies on the Continent of Europe. Such officers are of probably modern creation. We are not aware of any sanction in ancient Masonry for their existence. They are created for a different object than that which justifies the appointment of representatives between the sister Grand Lodges of the United States. Having nothing to do, they must do something. As "Masonic publications" and "printed papers" may be ephemeral for good, and yet can be lasting for evil, a correspondence is entered into between principal and agent, on some Masonic subject arising out of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to which such agent is accredited. These Masonic representatives, "catch the infection," in the language of the R. W. Grand Master of New York, from ministers plenipotentiary between foreign governments, and "compose dissertations on Masonic topics." Thus difficulties may occur where else they might have been avoided. The ephemeral or transient character of these dissertations, produce more permanent consequences. Be this as it may, a question has thus arisen which at least deserves a passing notice.

We do not recognize these "documents" as Masonic, or coming within that class of publications which are entitled to be Masonically considered by this Grand Lodge. They are not authorized by any Grand Lodge with whom the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is in Correspondence. This might be all that is necessary to be said concerning them. We desire, however, to remark, that we do not recognize any convocation of negroes or "colored men," however self-denominated as "free and accepted ancient York Masons." We do not recognize any proceedings, acts or institutions of such persons, as entitled to Masonic attention. As well might we be called upon to notice a meeting of persons who have no other Masonic right to confraternity with Masons than their self-styled and unauthorized Masonic name. There is but one source of Masonic life, and but one mode of Masonic investiture. There is but one door into the true Masonic fold, and he that seeks to enter by any other opening, fails in his purpose. There is but one light which enlightens the Masonic eye, and heart, and mind, and he who professes to have that light, from elsewhere than a temple dedicated to true Masonry, is an impostor. We do not recognize colored persons as Masons, and hence they are not entitled to any of the rights and privileges of Masons. This forecloses any discussion on the so-called controversy between these Grand Lodges.

We are equally decided and uncompromising on the question of the right of any R. W. Grand Lodge to grant a charter for a subordinate Lodge within the Masonic jurisdiction of an existing, recognized, Grand Lodge. We will not regard with unconcern any such interference with the rights, powers and prerogatives of any sister

Grand Lodge. It is worthy of the consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodges of the United States, how far they will submit to any such violation of their sovereign authority. We invite their attention to this subject. However any of them may feel disposed to question the want of energetic and prompt action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on subjects of minor Masonic importance, on this, they will find she will not be "slow" to express her opinions and to act. Neither will she "veil" her position on questions of Grand Lodge sovereignty or prerogatives, but in a texture of truth and right.

This Committee feels fully warranted in thus expressing views, which are believed to be at this time, in connection with this subject, sound in principle, safe in practice, Masonic in meaning, pertinent in the premises, and conclusive of this controversy.

This Committee has read with pleasure the "Report of the Committees from the several Lodges relative to the introduction of Masonry into Nebraska, in compliance with a resolution passed at the Session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska held at Nebraska City, Nov. 2, 1858." This Report is found attached to the proceedings of the Annual Communication of R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, held at Brownville, June, 1860.

This Report is highly interesting. It graphically portrays the difficulties and obstacles which in a new country attend upon, and have to be overcome, when planting the corner-stone of our temple in the wilderness. It paints with the hand of an artist the scenes in Masonic life where emigration has hardly found a resting place for the sole of its foot. It gives a vivid picture of the toils and disadvantages which the craft are required to undergo in thus establishing their beloved institution as a sign and a symbol of their faith, contemporary with civilization itself. It should cause us to rejoice in the force of the ties, and the power of the teachings of Free Masonry. It ought to cause us to be thankful for all the advantages we possess, and the absence of any of those impediments which stand in the way of our brethren assembling together in their frontier homes. It should cause us to rejoice, that Masonry holds out to the hardy pioneer, rights, privileges and attractions, which with us are regarded as among its jewels. From one of these Reports we ask to make the following extract:

"On my return to Bellevue, in April, 1855, I found the Lodge duly organized, and holding their regular meetings in the second story of the Trading-Post of General Sarpy, near the steamboat landing for that town.

"This venerable specimen of primitive architecture, still graces the spot where it then stood, and around and within its rude walls are clustered many highly valued associations. Its well-worn threshold, was the first one over which my feet passed after my advent to this Territory, an event which I then recorded, in pencil, on the cornice beneath the dripping eaves, the trace of which time has not yet obliterated. Beneath its hospitable roof my first repast was par-

taken, at the instance of its hardy, but generous proprietor, the pioneer of Nebraska, Gen. Peter A. Sarpy. Within its rude and rough walls the 'sound of the gavel' first hailed the Craft, and called them to their first 'labor.' In this humble room the pioneer band of 'the brotherhood' first assembled around their sacred but rude altar, (a bale of Indian blankets,) and received their first charge from the lips of the first Master (L. B. Kinney,) who ever 'set the Craft to work' under 'due instructions,' in this then extreme limit of civilization. The official regalia, or rather the jewels of the Lodge, were skillfully made of tin, by a craftsman, who afterwards established the manufacture of tinware in this city, and represented its population in our Territorial Legislature in 1857-8. There are many interesting events connected with this building and the proceedings of the first meetings of our infant Lodge therein, that would furnish material for an interesting publication, but my time and meagre ability form an insuperable barrier to my success in such undertaking.

"During the Spring of 1855, petitions, for initiation, were received from Stephen Decatur and Isaiah Bennett, and favorably determined, but there being no suitable room for work in that place, no initiation took place during that year.

"We continued to meet regularly through the season, sometimes in Brother Kinney's store, and sometimes in a room which I occupied in the second story of a large unfinished building, afterwards known as the Benton House, which was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1857.

"During the fall of 1855, General Peter A. Sarpy handed in his petition for initiation. During its consideration and determination, a circumstance transpired of rather a ludicrous character, caused by an almost total destitution of furniture, clothing, and working tools. In order to exhibit this feature, and give our present well provided brethren, knowledge of the expedients we were obliged to resort to, I will give the history of the manner in which this application was disposed of. The meeting alluded to, was held in my room before described. The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of General Sarpy, had been received, and was favorable to his admission. A ballot was proposed, seconded and carried. The preparation for this duty developed the fact that we were destitute of both box and ballots, and to relieve ourselves from this awkward dilemma we were forced to substitute an empty gallon pickle jar for a ballot box, and a box of small gravel stones, which I had gathered as specimens, and which I still had in my possession, were selected to serve the friendly office; whilst a cup of 'leaden bullets' were to perform the 'darker colored' service. The jar, the stones and bullets, were then placed upon our 'primitive' altar, (two trunks covered with a blue blanket,) when we gravely proceeded with our ballot. This done, our W. M. ordered the 'contents of the bottle' analyzed, and the result proclaimed; a task that was speedily and scientifically performed by the J. and S. W., who gave their unani-

mous opinion that the presence of 'lead' was not discovered or detected and that the ballot was clear in favor of the candidate. A few evenings thereafter, as many of our members as could leave accompanied 'the candidate' to Council Bluffs, it being the evening of the regular meeting of the Council Bluff Lodge. They closed their Lodge in the early part of the evening, and kindly tendered Bellevue Lodge the use of their room, furniture, tools and aid. Whereupon our Lodge was opened in due form, Gen. L. L. Bowen presiding, and the Entered Apprentice Degree duly conferred upon Gen. Peter A. Sarpy, the hardy pioneer and Indian trader of thirty-six years standing.

"This was the first degree conferred by Bellevue Lodge. I should have mentioned before this, that the two first-named candidates were never initiated, Stephen Decatur having removed to Decatur City, in this Territory, where he now resides; and Isaiah Bennett, brother of our worthy townsman and brother, John B. Bennett, died in Glenwood, Mills County, Iowa, in the summer of 1855. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of personal friends, and amongst them, most of the members of Bellevue Lodge, your humble servant being one of that number.

"In January, 1856, I closed my membership in Bellevue Lodge, and removed to Omaha, where I united with and participated in the establishment of Capitol Lodge, as shown in the transcript of their record, hereunto annexed."

Your Committee have noticed all the subjects deemed essential at this time, as suggested by the examination of the Reports of the Grand Lodges submitted to it. We cannot close this Report without a renewed expression of the Masonic fellowship and true fraternal affiliation we feel and entertain for all the brethren of these Grand Lodges, wherever situated. We extend to each of their Committees of Correspondence, the salutation of fraternal peace and Masonic good will.

Surely your God is our God; your faith our faith; your landmarks our landmarks; your joy our joy; your prosperity our satisfaction. Then let us unitedly work together for the preservation and perpetuity of a common inheritance. It may be, thereby we will aid in maintaining unity, peace and concord, among the brethren and citizens of united sovereign States in our glorious Union. If all bonds should be broken, all ties rent asunder; if discord, dissension, and disruption, shall mark the decline and fall of the most wise and wonderful of the governments of mankind, let the Masonic temple, in all States, kingdoms, lands, peoples or confederacies, be the common refuge of an indestructible Masonic confraternity.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD VAUX,
Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

DECEMBER, 1860.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance, was read, approved, and, on motion of Bro. Wm. Lilly, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have the same printed, and at least ten copies furnished to each of the Lodges (in addition to the annual publication).

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully present the following as their Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Grand Lodge for the Fiscal year, ending November 15, 1860.

The Committee have examined quarterly the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans, Hall Committee, and President of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and found them uniformly correct.

They now submit a synopsis of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, as follows:

He has received—

Balance from last year	$1,249 47
Dues, &c., from Lodges and Chapters, &c	20,982 14
Dispensations, Certificates, &c	1,679 08
Warrants, New Lodges	486 00
Rents of Stores	9,791 68
	$34,188 37

The Committee on By-laws reported on the several By-laws and amendments submitted to them as follows: Nos. 81, 108, 152, 224, 246, 255, 266, 271, 295, 321, 337, 340 and 319 which were adopted. The following resolutions appended to said report were also adopted, to wit:

"1st. *Resolved*, that upon the adoption by any Subordinate Lodge of any By-laws or Amendments, alterations or additions thereto it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Lodge immediately to forward to the Grand Lodge under cover to the Grand Secretary *two* copies of such By-laws, Amendments, alterations or additions certified by him under the seal of the Lodge and his certificate shall embody so much of the minutes of the Lodge as relates to the proposal and adoption of such By-laws, Amendments, alterations or additions, such certificate to be on the same paper with, or securely attached to, said copies respectively, one of said copies to be returned to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary with a statement of the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, and the other to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

"2d. *Resolved*, that no Subordinate Lodge be allowed to print any By-laws or Amendments, alterations or additions thereto, until the

same have received the approval of the Grand Lodge and that when printed the same shall state upon the title page the fact of such approval with its date.

"3d. *Resolved*, that it be informed upon the Subordinate Lodges to promptly forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of the By-laws and of every Amendment, alteration or addition thereto when approved, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge and that such of the Lodges as have not already done so, be required forthwith to forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of their respective By-laws as approved by the Grand Lodge and now in force.

"4th. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and send as early as possible a circular to each of the Subordinate Lodges calling their attention to the above recommendations and containing a copy of these resolutions and that such circular be read in open lodge and spread at length upon the minutes."

The following report from the Committee on Appeals was read and the Resolution appended thereto was adopted, "to wit:"

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the communication from Integrity Lodge, No. 187, complaining of the action of this committee and the tone of its report in the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of that Lodge, respectfully report, that when the appeal of Bro. ——— came up for consideration among the papers forwarded were two, one purporting to be a copy of the testimony taken from a Committee of the Lodge, the other a Certificate under its seal setting forth that on motion duly made and seconded, Bro. —— ——— was expelled from membership for unmasonic conduct. Presuming as they had the right to do, that the testimony had been submitted to the Lodge and that the certificate properly set forth its action, they did not deem it necessary to look further and reported in the terms to which objection has been taken. The officers of the Lodge having on this occasion been notified, appeared before the Committee. By their statements and from the books of the Lodge it was shown, that the testimony taken before the Committee, the original of which they produced, had never been submitted to the Lodge either before or at the time of the expulsion, and that the certificate was merely an extract and did not correctly give the charge which had been preferred. There is no difference substantially between the original testimony submitted and the copy which came up with the appeal and it proves the controversy between the brother who made the charge and the one accused to have been of the character described by the Committee in their first report. As this testimony however never was brought into the body of the Lodge, nor communicated to it, and they proceeded to expel Bro. ——— simply because their Committee reported that he was guilty and without even having heard that testimony the Lodge cannot be said to have allowed "the controversy to be carried on in her Tem-

ple" for beyond the charge of unmasonic conduct and telling lies and conspiring with others to injure —— ——'s character, "and the finding that he was guilty of the charge contained in the first specification telling falsehoods for the purpose of injuring ——" nothing appears upon the minutes or by the papers to show that the Lodge as a body ever knew what this unmasonic conduct was, what the lies were, or the kind of conspiracy, or what the falsehoods were passed upon by the Committee; assuming that when the Lodge proceeded to expel Bro. —— they had the facts before them and saw the nature of the quarrel this Committee used strong terms of condemnation regretting that a political feud, for such it was, should have been countenanced in a Masonic Body, while therefore this Committee retain the same opinion of the controversy, so far as the parties to it are concerned, they do not consider the Lodge liable to the censure contained in their first report for the reasons stated and now withdraw the same. The Committee therefore submit the resolution attached.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, that a copy of this report be sent by the Grand Secretary to Lodge No. 187.

The following report from the Committee on Appeals was also read, approved and the resolution attached adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report the following resolution for the approval of the Grand Lodge, "to wit:" *Resolved,* that the proceedings of Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, were regular and Masonic up to the suspension of Bro. —— ——. *Resolved,* that the matter be referred back to said Lodge with instructions to reconsider their resolution, suspending him for two months with certain qualifications and take a vote upon his suspension or expulsion absolutely and without limit as to time or upon condition.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The Chairman of the Committee of Appeals read a report on the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 276. After some little discussion it was finally agreed to refer said report back to the Committee.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved, to wit: The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. present the following Quarterly Report: They have examined the accounts of the President of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, compared them with his vouchers and found them correct, showing an investment in City Sixes Loan of $1,700 and a balance on hand of $398.72. Also examined the accounts of the Hall Committee compared them with the vouchers and found them correct showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer during the past quarter amounting to

$1,176.35. They next examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans compared them with his receipt book and found them correct, as follows:

On the $110,000 Loan balance last report		$837 00
Amount paid		666 00
Remaining unpaid		$171 00
On the $41,000 Loan balance as per report	$175 50	
Appropriated	1,230 00	
		$1,405 50
Amount paid		1,171 50
Remaining unpaid		$234 00

They have examined the Grand Treasurer's accounts of receipts and payments from Aug. 15 to November 15, compared them with his vouchers and found them correct, as follows:

He has received—

Balance last account		$4,066 52
Dues from Lodges and Chapters		3,015 00
Rent from stores		1,666 67
Dispensations		30 00
		$8,778 19

He has paid—

Orders Hall Committee			$1,311 32
" Grand Masters			302 61
" Trustees Masonic Loan			4,000 00
" Insurance			200 00
" Interest $41,000 Loan			1,230 00
" Grand Secretary Salary	$312 50		
" " " Expenses	70 60		
			383 15
			$7,427 08
Balance on hand			1,351 11
			$8,778 19

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBT. CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, *Committee.*

PHILADA., December 3, 1860.

The Committee of Finance further reported as follows which was approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following as their annual report of the financial

affairs of the Grand Lodge for the Fiscal Year ending Nov. 15, 1860. The Committee have examined Quarterly the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans, Hall Committee and President of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and found them uniformly correct. They now submit a synopsis of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the year as follows:

He has received—

Bal. from last year	$1,249 47
Dues from Lodges, Chapters, &c	20,982 14
Dispensations, &c., &c	1,679 08
Warrants new lodges	486 00
Rents of stores	9,791 68
	$34,188 37

He has paid—

Orders of Grand Master, including Expenses of Dist. Dep. Grand Masters		$968 47
Orders Hall Com. Taxes	$1,804 92	
Orders Hall Com., other expenses	3,074 12	
		4,879 04
Trustees of Masonic Loans		16,908 83
Grand Secretary's Salary and Expenses		1,515 75
Interest on Masonic Loans		7,615 50
Insurance on Furniture		200 00
Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund		720 00
Expenses Grand Treasurer's Office		29 67
Balance on hand		1,351 11
		$34,188 37

We may notice here, that the Grand Treasurer continues to decline receiving any compensation for his services. We next submit a synopsis of the payments of interest on the Masonic Loans.

Balance on hand of interest on the $110,000 Loan last Annual Report	$499 50
Appropriations this year	5,155 50
	$5,655 00
Payments this year	5,484 00
Balance on hand and uncalled for	$171 00

Balance on hand of interest on $41,000 Loan last Annual Report	$855 00
Appropriations this year	2,460 00
	$3,315 00
Paid this year	3,081 00
Balance on hand uncalled for	$234 00

The Committee have consulted the different Officers and Committees of the Grand Lodge, and give the following estimates of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year, ending November 15, 1861. It will be noticed that the Committee omit all mention of an appropriation to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, because the Report of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, to re-organize the working of this charity, has not yet been presented; when that is done and decided by the Grand Lodge, the appropriation can be made, if it shall be thought advisable.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Dues from Lodges, Chapters, &c	$18,500 00
" " Dispensations, Certificates, &c	1,500 00
" " Rent of stores	10,000 00
	$30,000 00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Balance of $110,000 Loan, January 1, 1861	$2,091 00	
Interest on Balance of $110,000 Loan, July 1, 1861	2,091 00	
Interest on the $41,000 Loan, April 1, 1861	1,230 00	
Interest on the $41,000 Loan, October 1, 1861	1,230 00	
		$6,642 00
Hall Committee for Gas	$1,100 00	
" " " Taxes	2,000 00	
" " " Fuel	370 00	
" " " Labor, cleaning	762 00	
" " " Water Rent, &c	68 00	
" " " Incidental Expenses	400 00	
		5,700 00
Grand Secretary's Salary and Expenses	$1,700 00	
" Master's Expenses	1,000 00	
" Tyler's Salary	200 00	
" Treasurer's Salary and Expenses	250 00	
		3,150 00
Making together		14,492 00
Leaving an estimated surplus of		$15,508 00

applicable to the reduction of the debt of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee append the following statement of the Loans of the Grand Lodge.

Outstanding and unpaid last year	$107,300 00
Purchased or reduced this year	19,550 00
	$87,750 00

Divided between the Loans as follows:

Unpaid of the $110,000 Loan last year	$87 650 00
Reduced this year	$17,950 00
Balance outstanding	$69,700 00
Outstanding of the $41,000 last report	$19,650 00
Purchased this year	1,600 00
Remaining unpaid	$18,050 00

In conclusion, your Committee present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the following resolutions of appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBT. CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, *Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 1860.

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year, ending Nov. 15, 1861:

Hall Committee	$4,700 00
Grand Secretary's Salary and Expenses	1,700 00
" Master's Expenses	1,000 00
" Tyler's Salary	200 00
" Treasurer's Salary and Expenses	250 00
	$7,850 00

Resolved, That the Rt. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the following amounts and dates, to pay interest on Masonic Loans:

January 1, 1861	$2,091 00	
July 1, 1861	2,091 00	
April 1, 1861	1,230 00	
October 1, 1861	1,230 00	
		$6,642 00

The Finance Committee reported further which was approved and resolution attached was adopted, "to wit:" The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. to whom was referred a resolution adopted by Lodge No. 62 and presented by the Officers of that Lodge as an amendment to the Ahiman Rezon and also certain resolutions offered by Bro. Lilly, both of them propositions to reduce the annual dues paid to the Grand Lodge by Lodges meeting at a distance, respectfully report, that they have given these propositions that consideration their importance demands not only as proposing to change the present financial arrangements of the Grand Lodge but also the

one emanating from a Lodge presented by its officers the other presented in person by a District Deputy Grand Master. Your Committee have concluded to report to the Grand Lodge that in their opinion it is inexpedient at the present time to make any alterations tending to diminish the revenue of the Grand Lodge. The proper Officers or Trustees have been for some years engaged in reducing and redeeming the debt of the Grand Lodge with a degree of success that merits the approbation of all interested and it is desirable that they be permitted to continue their good work a few years longer when in all probability the larger portion of the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge will be liquidated. In conclusion your Committee offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that it is inexpedient to adopt the resolution of Lodge No. 62 and the resolution of Brother Lilly both proposing a reduction of Grand Lodge dues of the Lodges meeting at a distance. Respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBT. CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET,
Committee.

PHIL., Nov. 30th, 1860.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, submitted the following Report, which was approved and referred for publication.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MASONIC LOANS.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Masonic Loan, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the trustees, November 21, 1860, respectfully submits the following statement of their proceedings during the past year, as per account of Peter Williamson, Esq., Treasurer, up to November 9, 1860. Also a statement of the whole amount of investments made up to same date, with a view of showing the reduction of the debt on the Loans ordered by the Grand Lodge.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS IN MASONIC LOANS, PER ACCOUNT OF PETER WILLIAMSON, ESQ., UP TO NOV. 9, 1860.

Peter Williamson, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans.

1860.		DR.	
Jan'y	5,	To Balance as per settlement with Finance Committee	$674 26
"		To Cash order of the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer	2,803 00
Mar.	9,	To Cash order of the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer	505 83
May	12,	To Cash order of the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer	5,000 00

June 25,	To Cash order of the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer	$600 00
" 30,	To Cash order of the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer	4,000 00
Aug. 27,	To William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, for 6 mos. interest on the amount of the first or $110,000 Loan, held by the trustees, up to July 1st, 1859,	327 00
"	To William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, 6 mos. interest on the amount of the second or 41,000 Dollars Loan, held by the trustees, up to the 1st October, 1859	640 50
"	To William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, 6 mos. interest on the amount of the same Loan, held by the trustees, up to April 1st, 1860	646 50
Sept. 18,	To Cash order of the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer	4,000 00
Nov. 9,	To Wm. H. Adams, Grand Secretary, for 6 mos. interest on the amount of the first or 110,000 Dollars Loan, held by the trustees, up to July 1st, 1860	213 00
"	To Wm. H. Adams, Grand Secretary, for 6 mos. interest on the amount of the second or 41,000 Dollars Loan, held by the trustees, up to October 1st, 1860	646 50
		$20,056 59

1860. CR.

Jan'y 5,	By David C. Skerrett, Chairman of Trustees of Lodge No. 3:	
	For transfer of Certificates,	
	No. 15, 1st Loan	$500 00
	" 16, 1st "	500 00
	" 17, 1st "	500 00
	" 18, 1st "	500 00
	" 19, 1st "	250 00
	" 208, 1st "	250 00
	" 213, 1st "	100 00
	" 24, 2d "	200 00
	By Interest on do. to date	3 00
Mar. 9,	By James Hutchinson, Transfer Certificate, No. 124, 1st Loan	500 00
	By interest on do. to date	5 83
" 12,	By Samuel H. Perkins, Chairman, transfer of eight certificates, $500 each, Nos. 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154 and 155, first Loan	4,000 00
	By interest on do. to date	48 00

May 23,	By Trustees Chapter No. 3, Extinguishment Certificate, No. 68, of the New Loan, for.....	$100 00
	By Certificate No. 69, of the New Loan, for.....	100 00
	By Certificate No. 70, of the New Loan, for.....	100 00
June 25,	By Wm. B. Schnider, Trustee of Lodge No. 71, for Extinguishment of Certificates Nos. 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61, for $100 each of New Loan.....	600 00
July 10,	By Matthew Cartwright, for transfer of two certificates $500 each, of the Old Loan, Nos. 90 and 209	1,000 00
	By interest on do. to date.....	1 66
Sept. 18,	By William M. Swain, for transfer of two Certificates, $500 each, of the first or $110,000 Loan, Nos. 201 and 202	1000 00
	By interest on do. to date.....	13 16
" 18,	By Samuel H. Perkins, Chairman Trustee Girard Bequest, for transfer of fourteen Certificates of the first or $110,000 Loan, for $500 each.....	7,000 00
	By interest up to date of transfer.....	92 12
" 29,	By Commonwealth Insurance Co., for transfer of three Certificates of the first or $110,000 Loan, for $500 each, Nos. 206, 207 and 221.....	1,500 00
	By interest up to date of transfer.....	22 50
Nov. 9,	By Commonwealth Insurance Co., for transfer of one Certificate of the first or $110,000 Loan, No. 220	350 00
	Interest on the above to date.....	7 52
	By Commonwealth Insurance Co., for transfer of Certificate No. 15, of the second or $41,000 Loan,	500 00
	Interest on the above to date.....	3 25
	Balance	309 55
		$20,056 59
Nov. 29,	To Balance	$309 55

1859. RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand as per last Report.....	$674 26
Cash received from Grand Lodge.....	16,908 83
Interest received from Grand Secretary.....	2,473 50
Total	$20,056 59

PAYMENTS.

Purchase of Masonic Loans.....	$19,550 00	
" " Interest	197 04	
Balance of cash on hand.....	309 55	
		$20,056 59

Balance due on Loans per last Report		$107,300 00
Reduced this year		19,550 00
Balance still due		$87,750 00

This balance includes both Loans.

Balance of the $110,000 Loan as per last Report	$87,650 00		
Cost if purchased this year	17,950 00		
Balance due		$69,700 00	
Bal. of the $41,000 Loan as per last Report	$21,350 00		
Purchased	3,300 00		
		18,050 00	
			$87,750 00

Balance of $110,000 still due is	$69,700 00	
Balance of $41,000 is	18,050 00	now due $87,750 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary Masonic Loans.*

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the following Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Finance.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE G. L. CHARITY FUND.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, A. D., 1860—A. L. 5860.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, &c.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, respectfully report:

That from Nov. 15, 1859, to Nov. 15, 1860, they have received from the various sources of revenue			$3,608 16
Balance on hand, as per last Annual Report			73 06
Total			$3,741 22
They have appropriated to the use of the Board of Almoners, and paid upon orders issued by the R. W. Grand Master	$1,600 00		
And for the purchase of $1,700 Six Per Cent. City Loan	1,742 00		
Total			3,342 50
Leaving a balance, Nov. 15, 1860, of			$398 72

In pursuance of authority from the Grand Lodge, and under the legal supervision of the R. W. Grand Master, the mortgage on the property at Germantown was transferred on the 25th of January last.

The accompanying statement marked 1 and 2, will show the details of the financial transactions of the Trustees for the year ending

Nov. 15, 1860, and the amount and character of the securities now held in trust for the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

It will be seen by reference to statement No. 2, that $18,000 of the total therein set forth, being the aggregate of the annual contributions of the Grand Lodge to said Fund, is not represented by certificate, or any other written evidence, except that which stands upon the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The Trustees recommend that one or more certificates be issued by the Grand Lodge to cover said amount, and append a resolution to that effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ENGLISH, WM. S. BLACK,
JNO. WILSON, SR., JOSEPH S. RILEY,
ANGUS N. MACPHERSON, *Trustees.*

Resolved, That one or more certificates, at the option of the Grand Officers, be issued to the "Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund," for the amount now due by the Grand Lodge to said Fund; and that an additional certificate be issued for each succeeding annual contribution, until the whole amount pledged to said Fund shall have been contributed.

STATEMENT No. 1.

Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, for the year ending Nov. 15, 1860.

1859.	RECEIPTS.	
Nov.	15, To Balance, as per last Report	$73 06
"	19, To cash from W. Heimberger, for St. John's Lodge, No. 115	142 00
"	21, To cash from Jos. S. Riley, for Phœnix Lodge, No. 130	250 00
Dec.	12, To cash from J. S. Woodbury, Jr., part of donation by Almoners, refunded	25 00
1880.		
Jan.	2, To cash from John Wilson, Sr., for Harmony Lodge, No. 52	151 00
"	3, To cash from Six Penny Saving Fund, Interest on Deposits	14 98
"	3, To cash from City Treasurer, Interest on $1,600 City Loan, State Tax off	46 00
"	3, To cash from Wm. H. Adams, Interest on $6,350 Loan	190 50
"	30, To cash from Wm. M. Shewell, Interest on Mortgage,	68 00
Mar.	20, To cash from N. B. Mosely, for Lodge No. 2	153 00
Apr.	14, To cash from Wm. H. Adams, Interest on $500 Masonic Loan	15 00
"	14, To cash from Wm. H. Adams, Interest on $12,000, Sub'n of Grand Lodge	720 00

June.	19, To cash from A. N. Macpherson, for Washington Lodge, No. 59		$79 00
July	5, To cash from City Treasurer, Interest on $1,600 City Loan, State Tax off		46 00
"	11, To cash from Wm. H. Adams, Interest on $6,350 Masonic Loan		190 50
"	11, To cash from P. Williamson, Grand Treasurer, amount due by P. Fritz for 1858		1,312 18
Aug.	11, To cash from W. M. Shewell, Interest on Mortgage		96 00
Oct.	16, To cash from W. Heimberger, for St. John's Lodge, No. 115		154 00
Nov.	13, To cash from Wm. H. Adams, Interest on $500 Masonic Loan		15 00
			$3,741 22

1860. DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan.	2, By cash paid P. Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	$600 00	
Apr.	13, By cash paid P. Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	300 00	
July	11, By cash paid P. Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	300 00	
Oct.	3, By cash paid P. Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	400 00	
"	23, By cash paid P. R. Howard & Co., for $1,700 City Loan	1,742 50	
	Total		3,342 50
Nov.	15, Balance on hand this date		$398 72

STATEMENT No. 2.

Showing the amount and character of the securities now held in trust for the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Certificate No. 178,	Mortgage Masonic Loan, Interest January and July, 6 per ct		$500 00
Certificate No. 179,	" " " "		500 00
" 180,	" " " "		500 00
" 181,	" " " "		500 00
" 182,	" " " "		500 00
" 183,	" " " "		500 00
" 184,	" " " "		500 00
" 185,	" " " "		500 00
" 186,	" " " "		500 00
" 187,	" " " "		500 00
" 188,	" " " "		500 00
" 189,	" " " "		500 00

Certificate No. 190, Interest January and July 6 per ct.....	$150 00
" 216, " " "	200 00
" 13, Second Masonic Loan, Int. April and Oct., 6 per ct	500 00
" 17,017, City Loan due 1875, Int. Jan. and July, 6 per ct	400 00
" 17,018, City Loan due 1887, Int. Jan. and July, 6 per ct	400 00
" 17,663, City Loan due 1889, Int. and July, 9 per ct	800 00
" 20,050, City Loan due 1883, Int. Jan. and July, 6 per ct	1,700 00
Mortgage on House and lot, Germantown, Interest January 25th and July 25th.....	3,200 00
Subscriptions of Grand Lodge, six years, at $3,000.....	18,000 00
Total Fund	$31,350 00

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the following Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Publication.

REPORT OF THE ALMONERS OF THE G. L. CHARITY FUND.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Board of Almoners, and in compliance with the requirements of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, make the following Report for the year ending December 4th, 1860.

Balance on hand December 1st, 1859, as per last Report.....		$89 65
Received for distribution from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, including interest on the deposit in the Saving Fund, allowed by the Treasurer.....		1,609 06
		$1,698 71

The disbursements have been as follows:

Balance on hand.....		$1,698 71
On 73 applications from widows of deceased members	$1,420 00	
On 3 applications from daughters of deceased members	80 00	
On 1 application from sister of deceased member..	50 00	
On 1 application from orphan boy of deceased member	10 00	
Total amount distributed	$1,560 00	
Add Expense for Stationery, &c.....	15 15	
		1,575 15
Leaving a balance on hand Dec. 4, 1860.....		$123 56

The money thus appropriated was distributed as follows, viz.:

To widows and orphans of members of Lodges contributing to this Fund	$640 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges within this jurisdiction	570 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in the United States	200 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in Ireland	55 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in Granada	40 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in Belgium	25 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in Russia	10 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in Hayti	10 00
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges in Scotland	10 00
Stationery, &c.	15 15
Making total amount as above	$1,575 15

From which it will be perceived that the sum of $640 has been paid to widows and orphans of brethren formerly members of Lodges contributing directly to this Fund. The sum of $570, to widows and orphans of those who had been members of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, though not contributing directly to this Fund, and the sum of $350, to applicants from Lodges located out of this jurisdiction.

The duties connected with the trust we represent, are of that peculiar character which makes the annual return of this period a season of unusual interest to the members of this Board.

In preparing an account of their Stewardship it is their privilege to recall many instances of distress, which through their official instrumentality, have been made scenes of contentment and peace, and they congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the opportunities afforded, through this medium, to display that sublime precept of charity, which is so prominently one of the pure principles of our Order. These feelings, however, are somewhat tempered by regret, when we consider how vain have been the arguments so ably presented by our predecessors, appealing to our sister Lodges to "cast in their lots with us;" and it is with considerable reluctance that the Board admit the necessity that seems to exist for some change in the mode of accumulation, and manner of distribution of this Fund, whereby the few Lodges who have heretofore contributed so largely to the charities that have been dispensed, may, to some degree, be relieved of this somewhat onerous tax, while the agency of the Grand Lodge shall

continue to be manifest in this portion of its system of relief. The Board, therefore, cordially and unanimously unite in recommending to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, a measure to be presented by a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to revise the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, having in view the accomplishment of a plan, which, it is believed, will establish this charity upon a permanent, useful, and satisfactory basis.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON, SR., *President.*

The following report and accompanying By-laws were read and after some interchange of opinions were finally adopted, to wit:

PHILA., Dec. 3, A. L. 5860.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee "appointed to consider the propriety of revising the laws governing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund so that the same may be made subject to the entire control of the Grand Lodge on principles similar to those which now govern the Stephen Girard Charity Fund" respectfully report that they have given the subject all the consideration which its importance required and are fully impressed with the necessity of making the change contemplated they therefore herewith present a revised Code of By-laws for the government of said Charity Fund and ask the same favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ENGLISH, EDWD. P. LESCURE, MATTHEW CARTWRIGHT,
Committee.

(For By-laws alluded to above see printed copies filed and in use by Committees of Almoners and Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund as approved Dec. 17, 1860, A. L. 5860, and printed January, 1861.)

Brother Alfred T. Jones offered the following, to wit: *Resolved*, that Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, be permitted * * *. After some interchange of opinion it was finally agreed to refer the matter to the Committee on Landmarks.

On motion of Bro. William Whitney and duly seconded, one hundred and eighty dollars were appropriated for use of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. So ordered.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ten minutes past Ten o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1860, A. L. 5860.

Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in Chestnut Street.

Present: BROS. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Lucius H. Scott,

R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Saml. C. Perkins, D. G. Secty. Horace L. Peterson, S. G. D. Henry C. Howell, J. C. D. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal, Charles Bard Reess, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Samuel H. Perkins, Peter Williamson, William Whitney, P. G. Masters. Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Greene, Floyd, Cregar. No. 3, Skerrett, English, Briggs, Colladay, Maguire, Martin. No. 9, Palmer, Kelly. No. 19, Karrick, Beaumont, Bennett, Murphy, Thomas. No. 21, Parke, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 51, Thomson, Bateman, Howell, Bell. No. 52, Shindler, Ferguson, Wilson, Sr. No. 59, Adams, Notson, Taylor, Coburn. No. 67, Loudenslager, Baugh, Bolt, Wood, Reese, Worthington, Shewell, Simpson, Martien. No. 71, Bambury, Frismuth, Hutchinson. No. 72, White, Phillips, Ashton. No. 81, Piper, Williams. No. 91, S. H. and S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Moore, Brooks, Kingston, Thomson, Clark, Stokley, Boyd. No. 115, Hynson, Adams, Wallis. No. 121, Peterson, Prevost, Vaux, Hoyt, Warner. No. 125, Maag. No. 126, Miller, Wiedner, Jacobson. No. 130, Young, Logue, Lescure. No. 131, Alkins. No. 134, Roney, Williamson, Tingley, Maas. No. 135, McFarland, Eberhardt. No. 155, Bacon, Masson, Martin, Woodbury, Hedges, Collins. No. 158, Pine. No. 186, Devereux, Filson, Begley, Smith. No. 187, Loeser, Benyard, Cree. No. 211, Cartwright, Hall, Dorlan, Lee, Bennett, Morris, Reeder. No. 230, Christian, Gicker, Brittain, Mather. No. 245, Lukens. No. 246, Masson, Baker. No. 270, Johnson. No. 271, Wagner. No. 273, Eagle. No. 274, Pedrick, Goddard, Letford, Rugan. No. 289, Hovey, White, Simpson, Gwynn. No. 295, Jenks. No. 296, Mehl, Boyd, Harper. No. 344, Reeser, Fiss.

Proxies: W. W. Thomson, No. 106; W. H. Adams, No. 138; P. Williamson, No. 156; Jas. Simpson, No. 163; H. Baugh, No. 218; H. M. Phillips, No. 199; H. Yerkes, No. 234; J. L. Hutchinson, No. 232; Geo. Smith, No. 259; H. M. Phillips, No. 268; Wm. English, No. 265; Geo. H. Ashton, No. 275; Jas. Ferguson, Nos. 269, 279 and 302; W. H. Adams, No. 279; R. Vaux, Nos. 294 and 301; H. Baugh, No. 305; Jas. Palmer, No. 331; J. Loudenslager, No. 285; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317.

Sixty-two Lodges represented, forty by Members and twenty-two by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past 10 o'clock, A. M.

So much of the minutes as relates to the Election of Officers at the Quarterly Communication held Dec. 3, 1860, was read and adopted.

When the R. W. G. Master was pleased to deliver the following address:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

BRETHREN:—At no period of the existence of Free Masonry in Pennsylvania has it been more prosperous than the present; intro-

duced into this State more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago, under the auspices and zealous endeavors of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, it was organized and inaugurated in the right spirit, and its privileges were limited to the capable and deserving. Success followed the attempt, and from that time until the present has been in our State, an honored and useful institution, having the best men among its members, and, in all patriotic and public labors, contributing the most valuable services to the country. In the days of the Revolution, at the time when the American colonies declared their independence of Great Britain, in the struggles and battles which preceded and which followed these efforts to disengage our country from the domination of a foreign power and to give it a place among the nations of the earth, Masons—Pennsylvania Masons—took a prominent and efficient part. Military Lodges were allowed, and everything was done, consistent with the purposes and teachings of our institution, to inspire the members with a sense of devotion to their country and their duty to promote the glorious cause of Liberty. Masons of other States were equally earnest in their efforts and their actions, and the union of the brotherhood in the great cause was not without its influence in producing the Union of the States as the United States of America.

The establishment of the American Union, the success of the nation, and the peace which gave opportunity for the enjoyment of the victory, placed Masonry in a high and elevated position; it pursued the even tenor of its way, following out the directions of its landmarks, and practicing quietly but constantly those principles which are the objects for which it was originated and has been so long maintained. It has had, in our State, its days of darkness and gloom; it has had powerful and repeated assaults made on it, and a culminating attack, which, true to its principles, it received with no resistance nor defence but such as could be found in its Truth, and it achieved a victory so complete and with such probable permanence as tended to make it grow and increase steadily yet not too speedily, until it has reached that position and high renown which no one will now deny to it.

Such, brethren, is the institution, over which, by your partialities, I was two years ago called to preside, a duty of which I assumed the performance with a high sense of the honor and a proper appreciation of the responsibilities. I found the Order prosperous and peaceable, the craft attentive to their duties, the Lodges working in harmony, and an universal prevalence of a true Masonic spirit: I then expressed to you my fervent "*hope to be able to perform the duties of the office satisfactorily; and at the expiration of my term of service to surrender the trust to those who have confided it to me, with the prosperity of the Order undiminished, its character untarnished, and its usefulness not lessened.*"

While I dare not flatter myself that my performance of duty has been satisfactory to all the brethren, I can assure them of my in-

tended impartiality throughout, and of my sincere endeavors to do everything consistent with the obligations of duty that would be satisfactory to them; if aught has been said or done by me, calculated to wound the feelings of, or in any manner to offend, a member of the Order, I express here my earnest regret, and my truthful declaration that it was undesigned. I may, however, congratulate myself on being able to surrender the trust to my worthy and honored successor; with the prosperity, the character, and the usefulness of the Order unimpaired. To you, brethren, more than to myself, belongs the credit of thus preserving the honor and usefulness of our institution; without your generous assistance, your ever-ready confidence, your willing obedience, and your cordial support, my exertions would have availed but little. In the Grand Officers chosen by you, with whom I have been associated, I have found a cabinet of enlightened and prudent advisers and a circle of true friends, to whom I could and I did appeal for aid and advice on all Masonic questions of importance arising under my administration.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in a healthy condition. When, a few years ago, it was determined to erect the costly and beautiful temple in which we now meet, there were many prudent and timid brethren who feared that the expense was greater than the Grand Lodge could afford—that the debt which it would entail would be heavy, would diminish our charities, and greatly embarrass the Grand Lodge by the payments of interest and its ultimate redemption. All these fears, I am glad to say, have proved groundless; the experiment has succeeded, and the revenue from the building, the stores, lodge-rooms, &c., is very large, far more than is needed for ordinary expenditures, and it enables the Grand Lodge steadily and substantially to reduce its indebtedness. The permanent loans existing at the time of dedicating the Hall, in 1855, were $151,000; of these there had been purchased and redeemed in December, 1858, the sum of $26,100, and at the present time the sum of $63,250, leaving the whole amounts actually outstanding only $87,750, of which reduction the sum of $37,150 was purchased and extinguished during my term of service. The anticipated receipts will enable us to continue this work of reduction, and as all this has been accomplished without a diminution of our charities or an indifference to the paramount claims of benevolence, we may look to find the Grand Lodge in a very few years free from debt and in a condition to reduce the dues paid by the tributary lodges throughout the jurisdiction—a measure strongly to be desired and for the early accomplishment of which a strict system of economy should be practiced.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund now amounts to the sum of $31,350, and ere long it will reach the capital of $50,000, below which, by permanent regulation, it will not be allowed to go. This is exclusive of the fund derived from the bequest of our deceased brother Stephen Girard, (the history of which is so graphically sketched in

the recent very able report of the Committee of Correspondence,) which has now reached the sum of about $39,000, being far beyond the amount to which by his will it was directed to be accumulated; this valuable increase is the result of judicious investment of the funds, without impairing or lessening the annual amounts distributed to the objects of his bounty.

The number of dispensations granted by me during the past year has been:

To Enter	None.
To Pass and Raise	9
To Raise	7
To Pass the Chair	58
And the number of Grand Lodge certificates issued	27

During the last year warrants have been issued to six new Lodges, as follows:

Good Samaritan Lodge,	No. 336, Gettysburg, Adams Co.
Henry M. Phillips Lodge,	337, Monongahela, Washington Co.
Great Bend Lodge,	338, Great Bend, Susquehanna Co.
Hyde Park Lodge,	339, Hyde Park, Luzerne Co.
Thomson Lodge,	340, East Whiteland, Chester Co.
Factoryville Lodge,	341, Factoryville, Wyoming Co.

All of which have been duly constituted and are in successful operation, making the whole number of Lodges at this time 174, while the number of affiliated Masons has arisen to nearly 14,000.

I have, with my Grand Officers, made Grand Visitations to thirty Lodges, in each of which I perceived the growing prosperity of the Order and the Craft working in the utmost harmony. On each of these visits, I delivered a brief and appropriate address. Our visits seemed to be welcomed by the Lodges and their members, and the direct communication thus had between the Grand Officers and their constituents is in my opinion, attended with useful results. I regret that unforeseen and unavoidable obstacles prevented me from visiting a greater number of Lodges, as had been my full intention.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters display a constant improvement in the work and doings of the Lodges in the interior of the State. Each D. D. Grand Master has kept, by my direction, a Record Book, containing an account of all masonic occurrences of importance within his district presenting a faithful diary of events and enabling the Grand Master to know the true progress and condition of Masonry throughout the State. The work thus assigned to a D. D. Grand Master is not laborious, and faithfully and attentively performed, as I have generally found it to be, it will give hereafter, when these Record Books are gathered among the archives of the Grand Lodge, to which they belong, the full materials for any history of Masonry in Pennsylvania, and furnish

reference for decisions and precedents in the various cases therein designated.

The granting of dispensations has been by me sparingly done. One of my predecessors (Brother Peter Williamson), on frequent occasions, earnestly and forcibly cautioned against the free use of this high power, and undertook the work of reform in this behalf. Concurring with him in the opinion that the degrees of Masonry should only be attained in the regular way, that each Mason should enter and progress by the same road as those who had preceded him, and that a departure from established usage or regulation should be justified by some emergent or extraordinary occurrence, I have steadily refused to give any such indulgences, excepting in cases of almost inevitable necessity. Desirous of promoting uniformity in this particular throughout the jurisdiction, I gave, by a circular letter, instructions to my District Deputy Grand Masters, to be abstemious in the use of this power, to grant no dispensation excepting under circumstances specially described, and even then only after the most rigid scrutiny as to character and competency and satisfactory information of the cause of delay in making the application. Every day serves to convince me that this step was well taken, and that the purity and harmony of the Order are better preserved by the closest adherence to its customs as well as its landmarks.

Our Committee of Correspondence has presented its report on the transactions of our sister Grand Lodges for the past year. It is very gratifying to find that our Grand Lodge is respected by those Grand bodies with which we are in correspondence, and that a true Masonic feeling of brotherhood exists between them and us. I have, during my administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, used my best efforts to aid the Committee of Correspondence in its labors to maintain the most fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of the United States. It is but just to remark that the labors of the Committee have received my entire approval, and it is due to them to call the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge to the ability, the zeal and the fidelity with which its duties have been discharged. In accordance with the suggestion in the last report of the Committee, I call the attention of all subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction to the evils produced by conferring any of the rights and privileges of Masonry on persons who do not permanently reside within the confines of our State Masonic authority. Great care should be taken lest the discourtesy of usurping the powers and rights of other State authority by the course referred to may create differences between Lodges. It is at all times best that citizens of each State and residents near local Lodges should apply for membership in Lodges within the jurisdiction where they reside. It is not necessary at this time to do more than direct the attention of officers and members of subordinate Lodges to this subject, because the propriety of their just

discrimination on proper examination for membership in such cases will be manifest and will better protect Lodges, Jurisdictions and the Order generally from the mischiefs thus intended to be prevented.

In the course of my official term of service as Grand Master, many questions of Masonic law and usage have arisen, which have occupied and received my earnest attention. The custom which prevails in this Grand Lodge is, as you know, brethren, different from that which governs other Grand Lodges. In this, our Standing Committees on Landmarks, Correspondence, Appeals, and By-laws, take direct cognizance of all subjects which properly belong to them. When subjects come before the Grand Lodge which relate to questions of law or usage, over which these Committees by their organization have supervision, they are referred to the appropriate Committee; its report, approved by the Grand Lodge, is the rule and guide for its future action. In other jurisdictions, many of such questions are decided primarily by the Grand Master. The course adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is, perhaps, the most satisfactory, as by its supreme authority, it makes its own decisions for its own government. Supervision of the affairs of the Craft in the jurisdiction, correspondence with all its parts, and the frequent applications from officers of subordinate Lodges for authority to perform acts which belong to the high prerogative of the Grand Master to dispense, give to the Oriental Chair cumulative and constant responsibilities and duties, the performance of which, though not made public in orders, addresses or decisions, still require the most careful consideration and occupy a large portion of the time of the Grand Master. I have alluded to this subject at this time for the purpose of bringing to your notice the responsibilities of the Chair and the demand that these duties make on the time of its occupant.

I am compelled, brethren, by a sad but imperative necessity, to call your attention to another subject, to which Masons cannot be indifferent, and which, I doubt not, is frequently in your thoughts—I mean the present condition of our country. A year ago, on my installation as Grand Master, I took occasion to say to you, "*you should repress any attempt whatever, made to weaken or to destroy the bond of union that binds together in the brotherhood of liberty the whole American people. I speak thus to you because the spirit of strife and discord is about in our country.*" I then had an instinct of approaching danger, and I desired to warn you and to awaken in you such an apprehension of peril to the existence of the Union, to the preservation of the liberties, and to the safety of your institutions, as would make you, in every relation of life, exert and use your influence to avert the political evils which selfish strife and ambitious discord were calculated to engender. At this time, alas, the danger is imminent—the Constitution of the United States, framed by the wisest body of men that was ever assembled, has been violated, and

the Union of the States—the model government of the world—*the* land of liberty—the only asylum for the persecuted and oppressed of all the nations of the world, is now in danger of disruption and producing a civil—a fratricidal war. To our brethren throughout the nation we make an affectionate and a Masonic appeal to practice out of the Lodge those principles of forbearance, generosity, conciliation, charity and brotherly love they are taught within it, to unite as a brotherhood to preserve the glorious work in which so many of our honored brethren participated, and to aid in restoring the peace, harmony, good will and friendly relations that should exist among the whole American people.

I shall now proceed to the performance of my last official act, the installation of my successor, and I shall then descend to a seat in the Grand Lodge, with the resolution and the hope, by my attention for the future, to show my appreciation of the past; and I earnestly invoke from the Great Master of the Universe, a continuance of His fostering guardianship of the Grand Lodge, a restoration of our country's peace and prosperity, and that the Masons of Pennsylvania may, by their good works in their earthly career, fit themselves for a place at His right hand in the Grand Lodge of Eternity, in that temple "not built with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

Whereupon he proceeded to the installation of Brother John Thomson, Right Worshipful Grand Master; after which the other Grand Officers were in like manner installed in their respective offices, as follows:

Bro. David C. Skerrett, *Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.*
" Lucius H. Scott, " " *Senior Grand Warden.*
" John L. Goddard, " " *Junior Grand Warden.*
" Peter Williamson, " " *Grand Treasurer.*
" William H. Adams, " " *Grand Secretary.*

The R. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Thomson, after his installation, and that of the other Grand Officers, took the oriental Chair, and made the following address to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Brethren:—Elected by your choice to the dignity of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, I assume with diffidence, the highly responsible duties of my office, trusting to your kind forbearance for any unintentional errors or imperfections on my part; knowing that to err is human, but to forgive is divine. Thus relying upon the Fraternal Spirit, which has ever been extended to me, and the zealous co-operation of my Brother Grand Officers, I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the Chair with an eye single to the honor of the Grand Lodge, and to the harmony of the Brethren.

From the gratifying report of my predecessor, just read in your hearing, the Grand Lodge is in a highly prosperous condition. Peace

and harmony pervade the entire jurisdiction; the Lodges generally flourishing, and reflecting honor on the Parent Body. To continue this highly flattering state of affairs, no effort on my part shall be wanting, and any means at my disposal shall be freely employed to promote, *far and near*, the general good of the Order, by advice, counsel, and instruction, to different Lodges or individual Brethren requiring the same.

Among the large number of Lodges scattered over this broad Commonwealth, there may be some, notwithstanding the zeal and attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters, that are deficient in some of the details that belong to the work of this jurisdiction. To supply such deficiencies, where they are known to exist, is a duty alike incumbent on the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, and should receive prompt attention.

In support of the cardinal principles of our Order, I invoke the Brethren to be of "one mind and one faith." There is no safety to our beloved institution, unless the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of the Order be supported, maintained and abided by. Indignantly frown down any attempt at innovation, come from what quarter it may. Let the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be our Polar Star. In the strict observance of its provisions is our only hope of unity.

From the new system to be inaugurated for disbursing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, I anticipate the happiest results. From this source, the widow, the orphan, and other near relatives of our deceased Brethren, may look for that assistance which is our duty to bestow, and their privilege to receive. The charity thus dispensed from the funds of the Grand Lodge, added to the Masonic Bequest of the "Beneficent Girard," while it relieves the distresses of the respectable Brother and the bereaved relative, assures us at the same time, that the principal round of the Masonic Ladder still claims the attention of the Craft.

I will not trespass on the patience and intelligence of this body, by any attempt on my part at elucidating the principles of Masonry, or the reciprocal duties existing between the Grand Master and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge. These subjects have been so fully exemplified by my more able predecessors, and their teachings so cordially received by the Grand Lodge, as to make them, as it were, the line of safe precedents, a lamp to the feet, and a guide to the path of those that may follow them.

The efficiency and zeal that has distinguished the present appointed officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, in discharge of their various duties, relieves me from the unpleasant task of making any considerable changes therein, believing that the comfort and interest of the Grand Lodge will be best promoted by their continuance.

In conclusion, acknowledging as our Supreme Head the great I AM, we commit ourselves and our dearest interests to his holy

keeping. By him supported, may the cold hand of death make no vacant Chair or vacant seat among us in the coming year; but through his goodness may we be enabled to meet again on our Anniversary, to praise Him, to love the Brethren, and to honor the Craft.

After the delivery of the address, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the year:

Grand Chaplains.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, W. H. Odenheimer, Peter Russel, Wm. Suddards, Daniel Washburn, W. H. Reese, T. S. Johnson, H. W. Ducachet, Wm. Cooper, John G. Fury.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

No. 1, Bro. Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon, and Lodge No. 309, at Downingtown.

No. 2, Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata and Perry.

No. 3, Bro. S. E. Ancona, of Reading, for Berks County and Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown, and Lodge No. 310, at Perkiomen Bridge.

No. 4, Bro. George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill.

No. 5, Bro. James M. Porter, of Easton, for Northampton, Monroe, Wayne and Pike Counties.

No. 6, Bro. William Lilly, of Mauch Chunk, for Carbon, Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.

No. 7, Bro. Sharp D. Lewis, of Wilkesbarre, for Luzerne County.

No. 8, Bro. Henry Donnel, of Sunbury, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union and Snyder Counties.

No. 9, Bro. Harrison T. Beardsley, of Lock Haven, for Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.

No. 10, Bro. John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, for Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton.

No. 11, Bro. William A. Porter, of Waynesburg, for Washington, Greene, Fayette and Somerset Counties.

No. 12, Bro. A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburgh, for Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

No. 13, Bro. Samuel M. Mehard, of Mercer, for Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer Counties.

No. 14, Bro. Ammi Bond, of Conneautville, for Erie, Crawford, Warren and Venango Counties.

No. 15, Bro. Charles L. Lamberton, of Clarion, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana Counties.

No. 16, Bro. George H. Bull, of Towanda, for Bradford and Tioga Counties.

No. 17, Bro. B. Richardson, of Brooklyn, for Susquehanna and Wyoming.

Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. Samuel C. Perkins.

Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. George H. Ashton.

Grand Steward, Bro. Adam Maag.

Grand Steward, Bro. James Ferguson.

Grand Marshal, Bro. J. Loudenslager.

Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. James Simpson.

Grand Pursuivant, Bro. Chas. Bard Reese.

Grand Tyler, Wm. B. Schnider.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. Wm. Whitney, R. Clark, John L. Goddard, John W. Lee, Michael Nisbet.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Richard Vaux, John U. Giller, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Edward Robins.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Josiah Randall, William Barger, Peter Williamson, with the R. W. G. Master and R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Bros. James Page, Charles L. Cornman, Charles Gilpin, Daniel M. Fox, William Curtis.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bro. William H. Adams, Robert Frazer, A. Bournonville, Samuel C. Perkins, James Hutchinson.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Bros. Jos. S. Riley, H. C. Howell, Wm. C. Stevenson, George Thomson, Charles Frishmuth.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Joseph Moore, M. Richards Muckle, Theodore Colladay, John Bolt, Alexander Purves.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. N. B. Mosely, No. 2; George Thomson, No. 3; James Kelley, No. 9; J. K. Murphy, No. 19; M. Bouvier, No. 51; J. Ferguson, No. 52; J. M. Davenport, No. 59; J. Wagner, No. 67; E. B. Schnider, No. 71; Abraham West, No. 72; R. B. Connelly, No. 91; Wm. P. Hamm, No. 114; J. Beenken, No. 115; R. H. Campbell, No. 121; John Batzig, No. 125; B. F. Jackson, No. 126; E. P. Lescure, No. 130; N. B. Penrose, No. 131; Alex. Murphy, No. 134; John Martin, No. 155; T. T. Willis, No. 158; G. P. Little, No. 186; W. C. Parsons, No. 187; M. Cartwright, No. 211; E. C. Graeff, No. 230; A. T. Jones, No. 246; A. Reinstein, No. 271; J. W. Honor, No. 274; G. Phillips, No. 289; Wm. Elliott, No. 295.

ALMONERS GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Edwd. Wiler, No. 2; N. L. Hatfield, No. 3; P. T. Wright, No. 9; Wm. H. Nicols, No. 19; Sterling Bell, No. 51; John Wilson, Sr., No. 52; A. N. McPherson, No. 59; H. Baugh, No. 67; W. G. Bambrey, No. 71; A. R. Potter, No. 72; J. B. Barry, No. 91; J. S. Hinkel, No. 114; Wm. S. Black, No. 115; A. R. Foering, No. 121; P. Ketterlinus, No. 125; L. K. Bell, No. 126; J. L. Young, No. 130; G. Alkins, No. 131; R. P. King, No. 134; T. S. Woodbury, No. 155; D. Weatherly, Jr., No. 158; J. H. Boswell, No. 186; T. L. Simpson, No. 187; J. Dickinson, No. 211; D. Brittain, No. 230; G. K. Randall, No. 246; J. C. Slemmer, No. 271; S. P. Pedrick, No. 274; E. B. Davis, No. 289; H. L. Sinexon, No. 295.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Bro. John M. Davenport Deputy Grand Secretary.

The following Report from the Trustees of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, was received at a previous Quarterly Meeting and approved, as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received from interest and dividends since their last Report, presented March 7th, A. D. 5859, the sum of..... $2,417 54
And from interest accrued on deposit in Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives, &c..... 32 12

$2,449 66

Agreeably to the Resolution of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, adopted at the Quarterly Communication in March last, the trustees have surrendered and transferred to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge the following Certificates of the Loans of this Grand Lodge, to wit: Nos. 125, 126, 127, 128, 129 and 130. Nos. 131 and 132. Nos. 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139 and 140. Nos. 141 and 142. No. 143, and Nos. 144, 145, 146 and 147; twenty-three certificates in all, from Nos. 125 to 147 inclusive, and amounting with interest to 11,683 37
To which add balance on deposit as per last report of, say.. 1,313 33

Making a total of $15,446 36

Of this sum the trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treasurer for the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund, the sum of.... $2,000 00
And have invested in Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Stock the sum of..... 12,757 01

14,757 01

Leaving a balance on deposit to the credit of the Fund of.. $689 35

The investments at the present time consist of $25,400 Masonic Loan six per cent., $2,100 City 6's, and twelve hundred and forty-two shares of Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan.

The Trustees offer the usual Resolution for an appropriation to the use of the Stewards.

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, for the year ending June 1st, A. L. 5861, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, DAVID BOYD, *Trustees of the Girard Bequest.*

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and they are hereby authorized to surrender and transfer to the Treasurer of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, from time to time, such and so many of the Certificates of the Loan of this Grand Lodge as he may be prepared to redeem, and that they invest the proceeds in other and productive securities.

The Annual Report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the proceedings of the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," for the year ending December 26, 1860.

In the performance of their official duty they have granted relief to eighty "poor and respectable Brethren," to wit:

To 61 applicants hailing under this jurisdiction.....				$1,684 80
" 19 " " foreign, to wit:				
1	from	Rhode Island.....	$10 00	
2	"	New York	35 00	
1	"	Delaware	15 00	
1	"	Maryland	15 00	
2	"	North Carolina	75 00	
1	"	South Carolina	30 00	
1	"	California	20 00	
1	"	Canada	15 00	
1	"	Jamaica	10 00	
3	"	England	35 00	
2	"	Scotland	40 00	
1	"	Australia	25 00	
1	"	France	15 00	
1	"	Holland	10 00	
				340 00
Total amount of relief granted.....				$2,024 80

Feb. 1. By Stein & Jones' bill for printing and binding By-laws	$27 10	
Apl. 12. By Stein & Jones' bill for bill book	6 50	
Nov. 8. By Stein & Jones' bill for notices and blank petitions	8 50	
		$42 10
		$2,066 90

Balance on hand December 27, 1859, as per last Annual Report	$125 00
Amount appropriated for use of Stewards	2,000 00
Add interest as per Report of Committee on Accounts	3 40
Total	$2,128 40
From which deduct total amount of relief granted, $2,024 80	
Bill of Stein & Jones	42 10
Total	2,066 90
Leaves a balance on hand Dec. 27, 1860	$61 50

As far as the Stewards have been able to learn, only two deaths have occurred during the year among those applying from time to time for relief; and the gratifying reflection remains, that through the instrumentality of the means entrusted to their charge for distribution, they have been enabled to prevent the griping hand of poverty from pressing too heavily upon many poor and unfortunate Brethren.

It is, however, to be regretted, that the means at their disposal are so small to the end in view, necessarily obliging them to limit the sum granted to each applicant to a very low figure, and this is especially to be lamented when we consider that many of the applicants are worthy members of this Grand Lodge, who have stood faithful to Masonry in its darkest hour, and who are now old and poor, and rapidly hurrying from time to eternity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

Bro. Richard Vaux presented the following communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, appointing him its representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

By the Most Worshipful Ira A. W. Buck, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, in the U. S. of America.

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Ac-

cepted Masons of the State of Illinois, have agreed to cultivate with each other a more intimate correspondence than has heretofore existed between them, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Masonic family promoted, and the unity, integrity and purity of the Order protected, and its utility and honor confirmed, by the appointment and reception of Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Lodges to the other,

Therefore be it known, that we, reposing special trust and confidence in our well beloved Brother Richard Vaux, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said Richard Vaux the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the purposes aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same at the City of Springfield, in the United States of America, the 30th day of October, A. D. 1860, A. L. 5860.

[SEAL] IRA A. W. BUCK, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, *Grand Secretary.*

Whereupon, on motion of P. G. M., H. M. Phillips, it was

Resolved, That Brother Richard Vaux be and he is hereby recognized as the Representative from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to notify the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois accordingly.

On motion of Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, duly made and seconded, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The official term of Brother Henry M. Phillips, the R. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Pennsylvania, this day expires.

AND WHEREAS it is proper for the members of the G. L. to express their appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged the duties of this high, important, dignified and venerable Masonic position; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania entertain the most unfeigned respect for the faithful, impartial and able manner in which the R. W. G. M., Brother Henry M. Phillips, has discharged all the duties of the Oriental chair for the two successive terms for which he has held the same by the voice of the brotherhood.

Resolved, That we wish for Brother Phillips, in his retirement from the Grand Mastership, long life, prosperity and happiness; and that after his earthly labors are finished, he may find favor in the eye of the Grand Master of Men and Masons, in that Temple not made with hands, dedicated through all eternity to unity, peace, happiness and glory.

Resolved, That the most interesting and admirable address of Brother Phillips, upon his retirement from the chair, and also his able and highly instructive addresses upon his Grand Visitations, be requested from him for publication.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated, be prepared under the direction of the R. W. G. Officers, and presented to Brother Phillips.

The following list of Lodges, &c., from the Grand Secretary, was read, ordered to be entered and filed:

LIST OF LODGES UNDER THIS JURISDICTION,

Showing the Name, Number of Lodge, Where Held, the Admissions, Initiations, Suspensions and Expulsions, the Number of Members in Each Lodge, and the Rejections up to December 27th, 1859.

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Suspended or Expelled.	No. of Members.
	2,	Philadelphia.....	1	10	..	5	152
	3,	"	5	8	2	6	218
	9,	"	2	11	..	4	132
MONTGOMERY.....	19,	"	2	13	..	21	254
PERSEVERANCE.....	21,	Harrisburg.....	4	13	4	..	144
	22,	Sunbury.....	1	4	..	..	51
BRISTOL.....	25,	Bristol.....	1	6	1	..	93
	43,	Lancaster.....	..	18	2	..	203
	45,	Pittsburg.....	1	4	..	1	107
	51,	Philadelphia.....	4	14	..	3	146
HARMONY.....	52,	"	2	17	3	22	148
WASHINGTON.....	59,	"	..	10	1	12	71
BROWNSVILLE.....	60,	Brownsville.....	8	4	2	4	88
	61,	Wilkesbarre.....	2	6	2	..	106
	62,	Reading.....	2	5	8	..	231
CONCORDIA.....	67,	Philadelphia.....	1	11	..	..	194
RURAL AMITY.....	70,	Athens.....	..	..	..	..	35
LAFAYETTE.....	71,	Philadelphia.....	..	17	..	15	176
PHILADELPHIA.....	72,	"	4	9	..	4	162
PHŒNIX.....	75,	Phœnixville.....	..	10	..	4	68
HIRAM.....	81,	Chestnut Hill....	2	29	3	..	105
COLUMBIA.....	91,	Philadelphia.....	..	5	..	..	82
	106,	Williamsport.....	3	4	2	..	102
UNION.....	108,	Towanda.....	5	15	..	..	121
SOLOMON'S.....	114,	Philadelphia.....	1	10	2	4	160
ST. JOHN'S.....	115,	"	..	22	4	8	154
UNION.....	121,	"	2	17	1	..	165

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Suspended or Expelled.	No. of Members.
Herman's	125	Philadelphia	3	11	1	4	125
Rising Star	126	"	3	4	1	27	174
Phœnix	130	"	1	14	4	..	242
Industry	131	"	..	8	..	3	94
Franklin	134	"	1	7	..	..	123
Roxborough	135	Manayunk	..	3	..	..	106
Schuylkill	138	Orwigsburg	1	1	..	..	38
George Washington	143	Chambersburg	3	7	..	1	57
Charity	144	Lewisburg	..	3	1	..	61
Easton	152	Easton	3	21	1	9	130
Waynesburg	153	Waynesburg	3	15	2	..	70
Mount Moriah	155	Philadelphia	..	19	1	20	239
Washington	156	Drumore Centre	..	6	..	5	59
Meridian Sun	158	Philadelphia	3	20	2	17	289
Evergreen	163	Monroeton	2	6	..	..	24
Washington	164	Washington, Wash Co.	5	10	9	6	59
Eastern Star	186	Philadelphia	2	22	2	4	300
Integrity	187	"	4	16	6	7	176
Charity	190	Norristown	..	11	1	..	108
Lafayette	194	Grove	..	3	..	..	50
Cumberland Star	197	Carlisle	..	9	..	3	70
Lafayette	199	Lock Haven	2	6	..	..	102
Lewistown	203	Lewistown	..	9	..	2	80
Kensington	211	Kensington, Pa	2	13	2	15	211
Pulaski	216	Pottsville	4	6	3	6	125
Honesdale	218	Honesdale	3	1	2	..	53
St. John's	219	Pittsburg	2	7	5	1	138
Portage	220	Hollidaysburg	..	7	..	6	88
Franklin	221	Pittsburg	2	14	3	..	120
	222	Minersville	..	9	1	3	51
Allegheny	223	Allegheny City	1	9	1	..	85
Danville	224	Danville	..	..	..	..	..
Philanthropy	225	Greensburg	..	10	1	13	86
Mount Lebanon	226	Lebanon	1	16	..	1	124
Chandler	227	Reading	2	10	3	6	159
Fayette	228	Uniontown	2	9	..	1	59
Rochester	229	Rochester	..	4	..	..	36
Richmond	230	Port Richmond	2	39	3	5	116
Solomon's	231	Pittsburg	1	8	1	1	62
La Belle Valle	232	Jersey Shore	13	13	5	1	65
St. John's	233	Pittston	8	8	..	6	70
Crawford	234	Meadville	2	10	9	..	113

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Presque Isle	235	Erie	1	15	2	..	65
Chester	236	Chester	2	4	1	..	96
Chandler	237	Beallsville	1	8	1	..	29
Tamaqua	238	Tamaqua	1	6	2	1	54
Armstrong	239	Freeport	..	5	..	..	41
Warren	240	Montrose	1	13	7	..	111
North Star	241	Warren	4	2	5	..	56
Carbon	242	Mauch Chunk	..	6	..	..	103
Mahoning	243	New Castle	1	5	..	..	43
	244	Kittanning	1	5	2	18	57
Doylestown	245	Doylestown	..	9	..	9	94
Shekinah	246	Philadelphia	2	7	..	15	160
Friendship	247	Covington	..	4	1	3	36
Temple	248	Tunkhannock	2	7	..	11	61
Carbondale	249	Carbondale	..	8	1	12	76
Sharon	250	Sharon	..	2	..	..	17
Hebron	251	Mercer	..	3	9	..	34
Gummert	252	Fayette City	2	1	1	..	52
Washington	253	Pittsburg	..	7	..	7	42
Stichter	254	Pottstown	..	3	..	12	49
Shamokin	255	Shamokintown	6	6	..	3	36
Milton	256	Milton	4	9	1	..	64
Western Crawford	258	Conneautville	..	4	..	6	56
Union	259	New Brighton	1	5	1	3	32
St. John's	260	Carlisle	2	8	..	..	60
Hiram	261	Providence	..	18	1	..	91
Orrstown	262	Orrstown	..	..	..	..	17
Franklin	263	Laceyville	5	10	..	..	48
Columbus	264	Columbus	1	7	..	4	46
Washington	265	Bloomsburg	1	2	1	2	64
York	266	York	1	7	..	..	68
Swatara	267	Tremont	1	16	4	3	55
Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	1	6	1	..	69
Monongahela	269	Birmingham	2	10	3	..	68
Page	270	Schuylkill Haven.	1	3	1	..	38
Keystone	271	Philadelphia	2	7	..	7	115
Butler	272	Butler	..	5	..	..	35
Cassia	273	Athensville	..	5	..	5	34
Hamilton	274	West Philadelphia	1	16	..	8	91
Loyalhanna	275	Latrobe	2	13	1	1	63
Hobah	276	Brookville	..	2	2	..	49
Clarion	277	Clarion	..	2	..	..	45
Cambria	278	Johnstown	1	6	..	..	62

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Newcomb	279,	Carmichaels	3	3	..	..	39
Mountain	281,	Altoona	..	11	1	..	112
Juniata	282,	Hollidaysburg	..	6	3	..	45
Bethlehem	283,	Bethlehem	..	3	..	4	42
Porter	284,	Catasauqua	..	8	..	..	48
Anthracite	285,	St. Clair	..	6	..	..	28
Columbia	286,	Columbia	..	10	2	..	81
Milnor	287,	Pittsburg	3	12	5	..	94
Jefferson	288,	Allegheny City	..	3	2	..	40
Orient	289,	Philadelphia	3	44	1	..	123
Eureka	290,	West Greenville	..	5	..	..	27
Union	291,	Scranton	3	7	..	..	82
Frankford	292,	Frankford, Pa	..	29	4	..	118
Ashland	294,	Ashland	..	5	5	4	53
Melita	295,	Philadelphia	1	23	..	15	115
Mitchell	296,	Germantown	2	18	2	..	78
Chartiers	297,	Canonsburg	2	14	..	..	33
George W. Bertram	298,	Media	1	7	1	..	34
Muncy	299,	Muncy	..	2	..	..	36
Mount Moriah	300,	Huntingdon	2	11	6	..	38
Waverly	301,	Waverly	..	7	..	..	40
Eureka	302,	Mechanicsburg	1	12	..	..	45
Oil Creek	303,	Titusville	..	2	..	..	22
Western Star	304,	Albion	..	6	..	..	23
Hawley	305,	Hawley	1	5	..	..	35
Trojan	306,	Troy	2	11	..	..	45
Williamson	307,	Womelsdorf	..	5	..	..	44
Washington	308,	Fort Washington	..	6	1	..	29
Williamson	309,	Downingtown	1	7	..	..	29
Warren	310,	Perkiomen Bridge	..	4	1	..	19
Mount Bethel	311,	Williamsburg	..	3	..	..	24
Indiana	313,	Indiana	1	3	..	..	26
Clearfield	314,	Clearfield	2	..	..	..	26
Cumberland Valley	315,	Shippensburg	16	5	..	..	19
	316,	Franklin	2	9	3	..	47
Ossea	317,	Wellsboro	2	4	..	..	31
McKinley	318,	Allegheny City	1	8	4	..	49
Adams	319,	Bloomfield	16	11	..	..	26
Bedford	320,	Bedford	1	7	..	..	25
Hailman	321,	East Liberty	..	10	..	..	30
West Chester	322,	West Chester	1	19	1	..	33
Peter Williamson	323,	Scranton	3	5	..	..	24
Union	324,	Mifflintown	7	20	2	..	46

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BARGER	325,	Stroudsburg	23	18	3	..	41
	326,	Trexlertown	15	17	..	..	32
HAZEL	327,	Luzerne	7	14	..	1	20
	328,	Harford	10	8	..	..	18
	329,	Greensboro	12	10	..	..	22
	330,	Salem	13	11	..	..	24
FORT LIGONIER	331,	Ligonier	7	7	..	..	14
	332,	Plymouth	5	3	..	..	8
BARKER	333,	Allentown	21	27	..	..	48
	334,	Bradford	2	16	..	..	28
	335,	Montoursville	7	2	..	..	9
	336,	Gettysburg	..	..	..	..	12
HENRY M. PHILLIPS	337,	Allegheny City	..	..	..	..	8
GREAT BEND	338,	Great Bend	..	..	..	..	8
HYDE PARK	339,	Hyde Park	..	..	..	..	9
THOMSON	340,	East Whiteland	..	..	..	..	7
FACTORYVILLE	341,	Factoryville	..	..	..	..	8
Total	172		383	1,532	202	440	13,106
No returns	2						
	174						

The following named brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening, to wit: Gustavus Schwartz, No. 274; Eugene C. Benyard, No. 187; Fred. Ernhart, No. 296; Rodger Keys, No. 67; Saml. Burdette, No. 187; John T. Roberts, No. 67; Nath'l B. Cass, Benj. Franklin Lodge, Mass.; J. A. Yost, No. 115; Ezekiel S. Richie, No. 115; Edw. S. Ogelsby, No. 143; Dublin, Ireland; Reading B. Burns, No. 155; George Fox, No. 51; John Babe, No. 59.

The R. W. Grand Master announced that he had been requested to announce to the Grand Officers that the W. M. of Herman's Lodge respectfully invited their presence this day at the Special Communication of said Lodge held in honor of the 50th anniversary of its constitution.

Grand Lodge then closed in peace at half past 12, at noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILA., Dec. 29, 1860.

To R. W. P. G. Master Henry M. Phillips.

R. W. GRAND MASTER AND BROTHER:—The Grand Lodge unanimously, at its meeting on St. John's day, requested you to furnish

your valedictory address then delivered as R. W. Grand Master, for circulation among brethren of other jurisdictions. The official copy of these proceedings you have received, as directed to be presented to you by the resolution for that purpose, and I now only have to obtain these documents for publication in our "abstract of the proceedings" of the Grand Lodge. Let me ask you to receive the unfeigned regard and long entertained respect and esteem of one who sincerely hopes you may have every blessing in life and joy unspeakable thereafter.

Fraternally your friend,

RICHARD VAUX.

MASONIC HALL,

PHILADELPHIA, December 31, A. D. 1860, A. L. 5860.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I send herewith a copy of the address delivered by me on St. John's day last.

I cannot comply with your request to furnish for publication a copy of the addresses delivered by me at the Grand Visitations, containing as they do matter intended for the instruction of the craft, and which ought not to be printed or published. An attempt to revise them, would so change them that they would be *either* unworthy of publication or materially different from the originals. publication. So satisfactory and interesting were your addresses on your visitations to the several subordinate Lodges, that the Grand Lodge also requested a copy of them for printing and presentation within its jurisdiction, and that they might thus obtain a larger

Sincerely reciprocating your kind wishes and expressions, I am

Truly and fraternally yours,

HENRY M. PHILLIPS.

BROTHER RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman of Committee of Correspondence.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 4th, 1861, A. L. 5861.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. Secretary. Robert Clark, Dep. G. Secty. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. George H. Ashton, J. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. Joseph T. Thomas, G. Pursuivant. Henry W. Ducachet, G. Chaplain. William Whitney, Henry M. Phillips, James Page and Samuel H. Perkins, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman, Floyd, Graham, Cregar. No. 3, Thomson, Skerrett, Ingram, Bilger King. No. 9, Brothers, Thorp,

Kelly, Marshall, Duffield. No. 19, Thomas, Griscom, Cummings, Nicols, Bennett, Thornley, Cook, Beaumont, Wright, Murphy. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 22, Donnel. No. 25, Scott. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Marshall, Workman, Bell. No. 52, Hoopes, Shindler, Day, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Geo. L. and Jas. L. Taylor, Sinexon, Patton, Macpherson, Jayne, Noston, Gibson, Coburn. No. 62, Yeager, Heller. No. 67, Loudenslager, Bolt, Shewell, Simpson, Rutherford, Van Osten, Wagner, Smith, Worthington, Griffith, Field, Wood, Baugh. No. 71, Frismuth, Jones. No. 72, Hoffman, Thompson, Ashton, Phillips, Ellis, Thomas, Abbott. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, Lee, Eyre, S. C. and S. H. Perkins, Hinchman, Mustin. No. 114, Morrell, Brooks, Clark, Thomson, Kingston. No. 115, Leigh, Black, Hynson. No. 121, Prevost, Vaux, Hall, Ireland. No. 125, Maag, Phillipp, Batzig, Ketterlinus, Peeler. No. 126, Bell, Nisbet, Miller, Widener, Page. No. 130, Riley, McBride, Easby, Sutter, Young, Lescure, Logue. No. 131, Moore. No. 134, Murphy, Williamson, Keyser, Maas, Tingley, Stocker, King, Becker, Goddard, Dusenbury. No. 135, Ferguson. No. 152, Stein. No. 155, Martin, Masson, Curtis, Miller, Brown, Hedges, Megary, Woodbury. No. 158, Frank, Pine, Shields, Walker, Oliver, Willis. No. 186, Boswell, Stevenson, Smith. No. 187, Benyard, Loeser, Cree, Purvis, Albertson, Parsons. No. 190, Brown. No. 199, Beardsley. No. 211, Lee, Dickinson, Dorlan, Peall, Morriss. No. 227, Ancona, Strickland, Ruth, Diehl, Quinn. No. 230, Christian, Evans, Brittain, Ziegler, Gicker. No. 236, Thomson. No. 237, Rogers. No. 240, Richardson. No. 246, Jones, Randall, Baker. No. 242, Lilly. No. 245, Watson. No. 271, Brown, Young, Wagner. No. 274, Pedrick, Manley, Goddard, Dechert. No. 277, Lamberton, No. 287, Herdman. No. 289, Martin, Simpson, Phillips, Hovey, Moore, Davis, White. No. 292, Hill. No. 295, Brooker, Coleman, Sinexon. No. 304, Mickey. No. 308, Rex. No. 309, McClure. No. 322, Green, Sweeney. No. 326, Fogel. No. 327, Silliman.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. W. Thomson, No. 106; Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 138 and 282; Jos. S. Riley, No. 226; H. M. Phillips, No. 199; George Thomson, No. 241; G. P. Cummings, No. 244; James Ferguson, No. 269; George H. Ashton, Nos. 279 and 312; J. Loudenslager, No. 285; R. Vaux, Nos. 286 and 294; Daniel Thompson, No. 304; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317; James Palmer, No. 331.

Seventy-one Lodges represented, fifty-five by Lodges and sixteen by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past six o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Communication held Dec. 3rd, Extra Communication held Dec. 17th, and Annual Communication held Dec. 27th, 1860, read, and on motion duly made and seconded were approved.

Amendments to and By-laws of Lodges Nos. 130, 153, 164, 234, 259, 268, 292 and 341 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 341, at Factoryville, appointing Bro. William Curtis, a P. M. of Lodge No. 155, Proxy of said Lodge. On motion the communication was directed to be filed, and Bro. William Curtis acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge No. 341.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 339, appointing P. G. M. Henry M. Phillips their Proxy. On motion Bro. H. M. Phillips was recognized as the Proxy of Lodge No. 339, and the communication was ordered to be filed.

An application for a new lodge to be held in Coudersport, Potter Co., Penna., was read, and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Appeals were read from Bros. —— ——— and —— ———, against the action of Lodge No. 284, in unjustly suspending them from said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

An application was read from Lodge No. 143, to take another Ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, provided the Members are duly notified when the said Ballot is to take place.

The following communication was read and referred to the Committee on Landmarks, to wit:

HALL OF WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 164.

At a Stated Communication of this Lodge held Monday Evening, Dec. 17th, 1860, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. be and they are hereby requested to amend the Ahiman Rezon, page 37, which refers to the restoration of Masons suspended for other causes than the non-payment of dues and require a unanimous vote by Ballot instead of a majority.

From the Minutes.

Attest:

[SEAL] ALEX. WILSON, *Secretary.*

A communication was read from Lodge No. 250, asking the Grand Lodge to remove the vote of suspension from Bro. —— ———, it being for unmasonic conduct, and to restore him to good Masonic Standing in the Order. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 252 and 254 each asking a remission of dues. On motion both applications were referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

The following report was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, That they have received since their last Report, presented March 5th, A. L. 5860, from interest and dividends on investments the sum of $2,598 63
And from interest on deposits 39 75

Making a total income of $2,638 38
To which add the balance on deposit to the credit of the Bequest at last report 689 35

Making a total of $3,327 73
Of this sum the trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treasurer to the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund, the sum of 2,000 00

Leaving a balance of $1,327 73
To which add the principle of 30 certificates of Grand Lodge, exclusive of interest included in above 14,900 00

$16,227 73

The above amount has been invested in the name of the Trust, as follows, to wit:

In City 6's	$2,985 00
" Penna. Railroad	3,887 50
" 6 per cent. Bonds of the Camden & Amboy R. R.....	8,532 50
	$15,405 00
" Balance on deposit to credit of the trust	822 73
	$16,227 73

Since the last report the trustees have transferred and surrendered 30 certificates of the Loans of the Grand Lodge from No. 148 to No. 177 inclusive, and amounting to the sum of $14,900, agreeably to resolution of March 7th, A. L. 5859, which has been re-invested agreeably to the same resolution; and as per above and foregoing statement.

The investments of the Bequest are as follows, to wit:

Certificates Nos. 1 & 2 Masonic Loan of 1853, $250 each....	$500 00
Certificates from Nos. 229 to 248 inclusive of $500 each, 20 shares	10,000 00
100 shares Penna. R. R. Stock.....	
City Sixes	5,100 00
Southwark & Moyamensing Gas.....	12,420 00
Bonds of Camden & Amboy R. R.....	9,000 00

The Trustees offer the usual resolutions for an appropriation to the use of the Stewards.

Resolved, that the sum of $2,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, for the year ending June 1st, A. L. 5862, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All which is respectfully submitted, March 2, 1861.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, JAMES HUTCHINSON,
DAVID JAYNE, ARTH'R BOURNONVILLE,
DAVID BOYD, *Trustees of the Girard Bequest.*

The Committee on Finance made the following report which was approved, and the accompanying resolutions adopted:

The Finance Committee Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following quarterly report: They have examined the accounts of the Hall Committee compared them with the vouchers and found them correct showing orders drawn for the past quarter amounting to $665. They have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans compared them with the receipt book and found them correct.

On the $110,000 Loan, balance as per last report.....	$171 00
Appropriations	2,091 00
	$2,262 00
Since paid	1,968 00
Outstanding uncalled for.....	$294 00
On the $41,000 Loan, balance as per last report.....	$234 00
Since paid	234 00

Closed in full.

They then examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, compared them with his vouchers, and found them correct showing payments and receipts for the quarter ending Feb. 15th, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance last account.....	$1,351 11
Dues from Lodges, &c.....	8,058 36
Dispensations	1,116 50
Rents of stores.....	2,083 37
Total of receipts.....	$12,609 34

PAYMENTS.

Orders, Hall Committee, Expenses of Hall	$424 70
" " " Gas Bill	261 42
" Grand Master	154 32
" D. D. G. Master's expenses	394 50
Grand Secretary, salary $312.50, Expenses, $86.25	398 75
Expenses Grand Treasurer's office	28 62
Discount on uncurrent money and counterfeit	48 35
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	180 00
Interest on the $110,000 Loan	2,091 00
Trustees Masonic Loans for investment	3,512 50
Total	$7,494 16
Balance on hand	5,115 18
	$12,609 34

The report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Charity Fund which was referred to your committee is now under consideration and they hope to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. In the meantime as no appropriation has been made this year for the use of this charity, and the calls on the Almoners we are informed are frequent and urgent, your committee recommend an appropriation in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, when this Fund was first created of the sum of $1,080 to be expended under the direction of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. And respectfully offer for the consideration of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund the following resolution: *Resolved*, That an appropriation of $1,080 be made for the use of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET.
Committee.

PHILA., March 1st, 1861.

The following report was received, approved and the several amendments adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws and Amendments to By-laws referred to them and recommend as follows: By-laws of Lodges Nos. 153, 164, 234 and 259. Also the Amendments to Nos. 130, 268 and 292. No. 339 to be sent back for correction.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The committee to whom was referred at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in September, 1860, the complaint of Bro. —— ——— against the action of Lodge No. 304 for refusing to entertain a charge against Bro. —— ——— have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully report the following resolution for the action of the Grand Lodge, to wit: *Resolved*, that this Grand Lodge does not consider that Western Star Lodge, No. 304, has erred in refusing to entertain the charges brought against Bro. —— ——— as said charges are too trivial and unimportant, even if sustained, to subject the Brother to Masonic discipline or punishment and that Lodge No. 304 be required to place Bro. ——— in good Masonic Standing by removing the act of suspension, and that the Lodge be instructed to advise its Members to settle their difficulties not of a Masonic character outside of the Lodge and not disturb the harmony of the institution by subjects so foreign to its character.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WASHINGTON L. BLADEN, THOMAS SINEXON,
GORDON P. CUMMINGS, *Committee.*

PHILA., March 2d, 1861.

The following report was read and approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, "to wit:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, That Bro. —— ——— was tried upon certain charges and specifications preferred against him in Lodge No. 164, a portion of which (for non-payment of dues) was sustained and the Brother indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges and benefits of Masonry, on the 18th day of June, 1855; from this decision the Brother never appealed. At a Stated Meeting of the Lodge held in Sept., 1860, four years after a resolution was offered requesting the Grand Lodge to restore him to good Masonic Standing, which at a subsequent meeting was postponed and a committee appointed to examine the Minutes in reference to the case and report the cause of suspension, which they did and after hearing that report, the resolution to restore was taken up and adopted. The resolution was the act of the Lodge itself and it does not appear that Bro. ——— took any part in its presentation or requested it to be done. So far as the record shows he has remained passive, the Ahiman Rezon provides at page 37 "That a Brother suspended or expelled, &c., &c." No such desire appears, nor has such application been made as shown by the Minutes of the Lodge, indeed it is stated that the resolution of the Lodge was unsolicited by Bro. ——— to restore him, therefore it would be to bring him back against his will without a compliance with the Masonic provision in such cases, the Committee

submit the following: *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge decline to restore —— ——— formerly of Washington Lodge, No. 164, to good Masonic Standing. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of this Report to Lodge No. 164.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Appeals made a report in the case of Bro. —— ———'s appeal from the action of Lodge No. 276. Considerable discussion took place when the whole subject was referred to along with a resolution offered by P. G. M. H. M. Phillips, to the Committee on Landmarks.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, in the case of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 19, Expelling him from the rights of Masonry for unmasonic conduct, fraud and imposition. That after giving due notice to all parties including the Lodge they were attended by its W. M. and the appealing Brother and his counsel and proceeded to examine all the vouchers produced and the witnesses tendered for that purpose, reducing the testimony to writing, such testimony accompanying this Report for reference if necessary. As this case has been the cause of considerable feeling in the Lodge and out of it, among its members, more than, in the judgment of the Committee, is becoming in Masons to exhibit towards one another, a more extended view of it will be given, in order that the Grand Lodge may have all the facts before it, and be the more ready to determine whether the Committee have or have not acted correctly in the matter submitted to them. From the testimony it appears that some time in 1854 Bro. ——— intimated to Bro. ——— of No. 134, his desire to join the Masonic Order and gave him his name, age, residence and occupation on a slip of paper. After this by the records of Lodge No. 134, it appears that a petition was presented from —— ——— recommended by Bros. Dusenberry and Stocker of that Lodge, and after the usual proceedings (with one exception, that of appointing a Committee of examination) he was rejected. Bro. ——— denies and has from the beginning denied that he ever signed any such petition, Bro. Dusenberry is not certain that he did, but expresses himself as to lead the Committee to believe that he signed it for Bro. ———. This fact is not material in the judgment of the Committee for whether Bro. ——— signed it or not that is enough so far as he is concerned, however much the Brother signing for him was in the wrong, or the Lodge censurable if it knowingly permitted the act. The petition cannot be found among the Archives of No. 134 although it was presented in April, 1854, and he rejected in May, final action was not had until Sept., 1854. Pending these proceedings Bro. ——— asked Bro. Dusenberry occasionally what had been done in the matter, who not wishing to tell him directly, to use his own words at last "shirked the responsibility" and referred

him to Bro. Stocker, the Secretary. Bro. Stocker says he never saw Bro. ——— but once (and that must have been between the time of the meetings in May and September when he called for the purpose of knowing what had been done when he had a restrained conversation, at the same time told him he had been rejected, but it was not final. He was under the chance of a Second Ballot. While Bro. ——— is positive that he told Bro. ——— he had been rejected, and says that Bro. ——— before the Committee admitted he had so told him, Bro. ——— denies that he was ever so informed or that he ever so admitted before the Committee. Bro. Rankin in testifying to admission before the Committee says Bro. ———'s words to Bro. Stocker were "I'll take it for granted you told me so," which is very far from admitting a fact. It is only conceding it for the sake of argument. Bro. Dusenberry says he made no such admissions. Bro. Smith says he did not exactly admit it. These three corroborating Bro. ———'s statement. After Bro. ——— had called on Bro. Stocker the matter seems to have been dropped until some time in the year 1859 when Bro. ——— expressed a wish to become a Mason to Bro. Cummings of No. 19. He stated to Bro. C. what had passed between Bro. Dusenberry about the giving of a slip of paper and his calling upon that Brother and Bro. Stocker and not getting any satisfaction. Bro. Cummings then showed him a petition and asked him whether he had signed such a paper as that. He said he had not, that he never saw one before. Bro. Cummings told him there was nothing to prevent him from making an application. When acting under the advice of Bro. Cummings he signed the Petition and was duly E. P. and Raised in Lodge No. 19. Subsequently desiring further advancement it was stated by a Brother that he had been rejected in No. 134. This led to the investigation on the part of Lodge No. 19 which resulted in the preferring of the charges upon which he was expelled from that Lodge. The Committee to whom they were referred met but twice, at the first meeting all were present but nothing formal done; at the second two were present when the witnesses were examined one being permitted to send a written statement. The testimony was not properly reduced to writing. The Committee separated the chairman drawing up his report in which was embodied the substance of what he understood as having been proved. This report was not seen by the other members until they met at the Lodge room when one of them signed it and the other concurred although not present when the testimony was taken and that same night the question came up on the resolution to expel Bro. ———, which was debated between one and two hours. A request on the part of the mover of the resolution to withdraw it having been refused by the W. M., who ruled it must be by unanimous consent and it being put to vote the Lodge decided against the withdrawal and proceeded to and did expel Bro. ——— the same night. Before passing upon the question of the guilt or innocence of the Brother the Committee will express an opinion upon certain matters which transpired before

the expulsion. If it be the fact, which is almost admitted by Bro. Dusenberry that he signed the petition first presented and not Bro. ———, it was certainly a most ill-advised and thoughtless act, one that should not be imitated by any other brother. It was also an unfortunate step on the part of Bros. Dusenberry and Stocker that they did not tell the applicant in plain but decided terms what had been the action of the Lodge No. 134 in his case. Some allowance, however, should be made for that delicacy which must exist between parties so placed, the one not being desirous of wounding the feelings of the other by telling him an unpleasant truth. Candor is at all times the best and in this instance would have saved much wear and tear of feelings and of hopes and a great deal of trouble. The conduct of Bro. Cummings seems to have been wanting in the case and prudence necessary under the circumstances. After hearing what Bro. ——— stated in regard to the slip of paper and his calls on Bros. Dusenberry and Stocker, he should have applied either to these Brethren or Lodge No. 134 for further information before he moved in the matter of the petition. He did not do so, but placed his judgment in the case solely upon the facts that Bro. ——— had not signed any petition and believed therefore that no application had ever been made in his behalf to No. 134. This was indiscreet and his conclusions mistaken, but he acted honestly in the premises, however erroneously and no one is to be condemned for an error of judgment. The proceedings before the Committee of Lodge No. 19 were peculiar, no notes were taken, or if taken, not preserved of the testimony. Committees are supposed to act judicially as cool and impartial examiners, free from the passions and prejudices which more or less sway the opposing parties. If they once lose sight of this position they sink into that of partisans and their conclusions will invariably be wrong. In this case no formality was observed, at the first meeting all of the Members were present, at the second *only two*. At the latter the witnesses were examined, a written statement admitted and when the Chairman drew up the report, not setting out the evidence as given by the witnesses, but shaping it into substance from his recollection of what they said, without being aided by the memory of any one of his colleagues, for the other could not help him, as he was not present when the witnesses were examined and upon this report of the testimony by the Chairman, as moulded in the imperfect way (not giving the accused the benefit of Bro. Cummings' testimony but excluding it altogether as matter of excuse and palliation) signed by one of his colleagues and concurred in by another, the Lodge expelled the accused, not upon the evidence given in by the witnesses, but upon it in the shape in which it was presented by the report. A proceeding more dangerous to the right of an individual Mason cannot well be imagined. It practically takes away from every member of the Lodge, not on the Committee, his right to pass upon the testimony and the expulsion then becomes the act of the Committee, not of the Lodge. The accused is at the mercy of the Committee instead of having his

trial before all his brethren, while it may be convenient to condense the testimony for the benefit of the Lodge, on the trial all should be carefully taken down and submitted for its inspection and decision and read before it, if it is desired. Any other course than this will lead to great wrong and gross injustice and involve the order in continual trouble and difficulty. Lodge No. 19 thus placed with no conclusions, other than those so crudely and imperfectly arrived at by the Committee, with no evidence before them were in the opinion of this Committee, hasty in at once proceeding to expel the Member and denying him the postponement asked for by himself and friends. There does not appear to have been that calm, careful and dispassionate investigation, which the subject demanded but the issue was pressed with unusual warmth and pertinacity; the Chairman of the Committee urging the adoption of the resolution to expel instead of leaving it to the Brethren present as intimated in his report. There are many virtues in the order of Masonry, but the greatest of them all is Charity and we should never be in a hurry to convict a brother of fraud or perjury, for these are heavy crimes and once fastened the stain is irrevocable and rests upon the condemned forever. The charges are three fold, unmasonic conduct, fraud and imposition. As no acts are charged against the Brother since his admission to the Order he cannot of course have been guilty of unmasonic conduct in what was done by him before he became a member. There is then no foundation for this charge. Was he guilty of fraud and imposition in presenting his petition for Initiation? The words are used jointly and mean the same thing. Let it be borne in mind that the accused could know nothing of the requirements of Masonry until he was initiated in No. 19. What would have been wrong in another being a Mason, was no offense at all in him not being one. All crime consists in intention; the evil mind with which a thing is done makes the wrong, if that be wanting there is no offense. Admit for the sake of argument that Bro. ——— was told all that is said he was, that he had been *rejected*, for this is the only positive information he had upon the subject of the doings in Lodge No. 134. What could he know of the effect of a Masonic rejection? Nothing. But in the very breath in which he was told of a rejection he was informed it was not final thus destroying the idea first conveyed. When he comes to speak to Brother Cummings on the subject he does not conceal the facts that he had given the slip to Bro. Dusenberry, that he had called upon that Brother and Bro. Stocker, thus opening the whole matter to a Master Mason, and he does not move in his application until that Master Mason tells him that there is nothing to prevent his application. Why if he intended to practice a fraud or attempt an imposition he would not have opened his mouth as to the facts at all; he certainly never would have put Bro. Cummings on the very track it was his interest to hide, if he designed to fraudulently enter the Lodge. He has never denied the giving of the paper which he regarded as preliminary and not a petition; his calls upon

the Brethren and their statements to him, (excepting so far as to being told he had been rejected) but he has always maintained that he never signed a petition. All these things he mentioned to Bro. Cummings before that Brother got him to sign such a paper, and he acted as Bro. Cummings says, under his advice in the whole matter of his application to Lodge No. 19. That Brother regarding his positive declaration that he had never signed a petition as conclusive evidence that he had never applied to any Lodge. It is impossible for the Committee to conceive how under this state of facts Bro. ——— could be found guilty of fraud and imposition with no knowledge of Masonic usage and rule he applies to one supposed to possess it, states his case fully, and is governed by his counsel and for doing this he is held up as an impostor and degraded and condemned by his own Lodge. There was nothing to sustain the charge of unmasonic conduct although he was convicted generally and so far from being guilty of fraud and imposition the Committee are unanimously of opinion that he was not; that he acted under a sincere conviction, the result of his information from a Master Mason that he would be doing no wrong in applying to Lodge No. 19. If he has erred he has erred innocently and his expulsion was wrong. Such severity seems at war with every principle of Brotherly Love and striking to the ground that Charity of which we boast. We are all of us liable to error and it is to these very errors that Masonry admonishes us to be kind, forbearing and forgiving. The Committee desirous of avoiding as far as possible the use of any language calculated unnecessarily to wound the feelings or give offense to any Brother cannot, however, refrain from condemning the very harsh terms indulged in by the Committee of Lodge No. 19, when referring to Bro. Cummings. If he has been tried and convicted of the charges imputed to Bro. ——— they could not well have been more severe. Yet Bro. Cummings was not upon trial, nor had he any chance given him by his Brethren on that Committee to state his reasons for acting in the manner he did. His conduct is stigmatized as "reckless carelessness" and evincing not "the slightest regard for his obligations." And in the course of the proceedings he was at times spoken of as an "accomplice," as if there had been a regular combination and conspiracy between Bro. ——— and himself to falsely introduce the former into Lodge No. 19 in defiance of all Masonic Law and usage. This "idea of combination and conspiracy" can exist only in the minds of one or two of the Brethren. Yet there is not the slightest evidence, not the shadow of a shade to sustain it and its toleration for an instant is unmasonic and unbrotherly. The W. M. of the Lodge was wrong in deciding as he did that the motion to expel could not be withdrawn except by the unanimous consent of the Lodge. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover or seconder before amendment or decision. In some cases it requires the consent of the body to withdraw it, and such consent is ascertained by the votes, a majority determining. In no case is an unanimous consent required, as the Committee are informed and

believe. It will be observed that the Committee has confined itself simply to the specific charges against the appellant as they stand in form, not deeming it within their province to take any other matter into consideration. They offer the subjoined resolutions for the action of the Grand Lodge.

1st. *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 19 erred in the expulsion of Bro. —— ——, inasmuch as no evidence was presented to the Committee showing him under the circumstances to have been guilty of the charges preferred against him. 2d. *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 19 be directed to restore Bro. —— —— to his former Masonic Standing.

(Signed) JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

MARCH 4th, 1861.

After considerable interchange of opinion the first resolution was adopted, the second resolution was rejected.

The printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to wit:

From Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Canada, Universal Masonic Congress, France, Minnesota, Michigan, Maryland, New Hampshire, Illinois, Ohio, Tennessee, Territory of Washington, Kansas, Virginia.

The following-named brethren were admitted during the evening as visitors, to wit: Bros. John C. Humphries, United Lodge, No. 8, Brunswick, Mo.; John A. L. Tice, No. 267; John Barry, No. 187; Jos. B. Smith, No. 91; Jesse K. Ball, No. 19; Edw. Beall, No. 11, Montgomery; Edw. Hunter, No. 19; Isaac E. Hackenburg, No. 91; Geo. W. Summers, No. 130; Samuel P. Mercer, Jr., No. 115; Benj. Masters, No. 19; Henry A. Lantz, No. 227; Thomas P. Moneypenny, No. 81; Charles M. Bowers, No. 114; Owen M. Faust, No. 326; Daniel Clauder, No. 326; Wm. Boogel, No. 326; Alphonse C. Ireland, No. 121; Orlando B. Griffith, No. 281; James Stewart, No. 292; Geo. Bolden, No. 67; John D. Ginnido, No. 19; Jas. L. Ebert, No. 130; James McGowen, No. 19; Clifton Bolter, No. 71; Daniel Laughman, No. 281; Levi I. Acht, No. 324; John P. Clarke, No. 319; Heysinger R. Eachs, No. 227; John Ebert, No. 130; James C. Boenning, No. 125; Richard G. Gilbert, No. 155; John S. Rankin, No. 19.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 3rd, 1861, A. L. 5861.

Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Robert Clark, D. G. Sect'y. Harman

Baugh, G. Marshal. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. Michael Nisbet, J. G. Deacon, *p. t.* James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. George W. Wood, G. Pursuivant. William Whitney, Josiah Randall, William Barger, Henry M. Phillips, P. G. Masters. Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. William Lilly, Mehard, and George H. McCabe, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Floyd, Greene, Cregar. No. 3, Shewell, English, Thomson. No. 9, Leach, Palmer. No. 19, Beaumont, Bennett, Thomas, Nichols, Karrick, Murphy, Griscom, Thornley. No. 21, Albright. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Wood, Shindler, Ferguson, Hanold, Massey. No. 59, Adams, Patton, Sinexon, Coburn, Geo. L. and Jas. L. Taylor, Gibson, Davenport. No. 62, Heller. No. 67, Van Osten, Smith, Wood, Martien, Reese, Shewell, Worthington, Simpson, Rutherford, Bolt. No. 71, David P. and George S. Jones, Schnider. No. 72, Phillips, Abbott, White, Ashton, Thomas, Barger. No. 75, Vanderslice. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, Mustin, Lee, S. C. Perkins, Hinchman. No. 114, Clark, Kingston, Morrell. No. 115, Black, Adams, Walles, Hynson. No. 121, Warren, Frazer, Vaux. No. 125, Phillipp, Maag, Remak. No. 126, Laning, Nisbet, Dolby, De Groote, Miller. No. 130, Lescure, Young, Kirkpatrick, Riley, McBride, Easby, Sutter. No. 131, Leiper. No. 134, Bicker, Williamson, Tingley, Maas. No. 135, Ferguson. No. 155, Masson, Hedges, Woodbury, Martin, Custis. No. 158, Shields, Walker, Funk, Pine. No. 186, Filson, Boswell, Stevenson. No. 187, Benyard, Loeser. No. 211, Cartwright, Hall, Peall, Page, Morris, Lee. No. 226, Blair, Weidle. No. 230, Christian, Brittain, Gicker, Evans. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Randall, Baker, Hubbert, Jones. No. 257, Mehard. No. 274, Dechert, Goddard, Pedrick, Rugan. No. 289, Simpson, Hovey, White, Phillips. No. 295, Fletcher, Brooker. No. 298, Thomas, Shaw. No. 326, Fogel.

Proxies: Bros. William H. Adams, Nos. 138 and 282; George Thomson, No. 241; Henry M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 339; James Ferguson, No. 269; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286 and 294; Daniel Thompson, No. 304; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317; James Palmer, No. 331; William Curtis, No. 341.

Fifty-six Lodges represented, forty-three by Members and thirteen by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held March 4, 1861, were read and approved.

Copies of By-laws of Lodges Nos. 19, 70, 75, 138, 158, 241, 262, 263, 277, 305, 334, 341, were referred to Committee on By-laws.

An application for a New Lodge at Milford, Pike County, Pa., was read, and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——, appealing from the action of Lodge No. 235 in expelling him from said Lodge. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from a number of Members of Lodge No. 306 in relation to the action of said Lodge. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 126 asking permission to take another ballot in the case of Mr. —— ——, who was rejected in said Lodge, the objection supposed to be removed. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 164, setting forth Bro. ——'s application for restoration to Masonic Standing in the order. On motion referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 230, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of Mr. —— ——, a rejected applicant in said Lodge, the objection being removed. On motion permission was given under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 276, asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ——, a rejected candidate in said Lodge. On motion permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 289, asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ——, a rejected candidate in said Lodge. The prayer of the petitioner was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 246, asking permission to receive another application from Mr. —— ——. On motion was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from three of the tenants of stores under the Hall, in relation to a reduction in rent. On motion the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that said communications be referred to the Hall Committee with power to act for the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

A communication was presented from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in relation "To the unhappy circumstances under which our Country is now labouring, &c." On motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

The printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as follows: Grand Lodges of Tennessee, Arkansas, Canada, France, Ohio, Minnesota, Michigan, Maryland, New Hampshire, Illinois, Washington Territory, Kansas, Virginia, District of Columbia, Alabama, Vermont, Georgia, New Jersey, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Delaware, Mississippi.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Finance of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present the following quarterly report: They have examined the accounts of the Hall Committee compared them with their vouchers and find them correct, showing orders drawn on the Treasurer for the past quarter for $2,571.17. They examined the

accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans compared them with his receipt book and found them correct as follows:

On the $41,000 Loan, amount appropriated	$1,230 00
Paid	894 00
Outstanding	$63 00

On the $110,000 Loan, cash on hand last report	$294 00
Paid since	231 00
Outstanding	$63 00

They examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, compared them with his vouchers and found them correct as follows: He has received—

Balance old account		$5,115 18
Dues from Lodges, &c.		7,711 32
Rents of Stores		1,666 67
Warrant for New Lodges		81 00
Dispensation Certificates		172 00
		$14,746 17

He has paid Orders Grand Master		$207 34
D. D. G. Master's expenses		77 01
Trustees M. Loans		5,000 00
Interest on Loans		1,230 00
Salary Grand Secretary	$312 50	
Expenses of office	107 50	
		420 00
" Hall Committee		512 97
Taxes on Hall		2,058 20
Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund		1,080 00
For transfer Gas Certificate		24 86
" Bill printing G. L. Proceedings		292 35
" Discount on uncurrent money		16 80
" Grand Treasurer, office expenses		11 15
Balance remaining on hand		3,815 49
		$14,746 17

They next examined the accounts of the President of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund compared it with the Vouchers and found it correct as follows: Showing gross receipts from all sources $2,708 39

Payments to the Almoners	$1,000 00
Investment in City Sixes	1,293 75
Balance cash in hand	414 64
	$2,708 39

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
ROBERT CLARK, JOHN W. LEE,
JOHN L. GODDARD, *Committee.*

PHIL., June 3, 1861.

The Committee on By-laws made report on Nos. 19, 75, 138, 158, 241, 262, 263, 277, 305, 334, 341; also on No. 70, which were returned to the Lodge as they needed a thorough revision by the Lodge itself. Some things not proper to be written in them, the fees and dues seem too low for a Lodge to prosper, and for other reasons more fully stated on back of said By-laws. On motion the whole was approved and the several corrections adopted.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred a communication from Lodge No. 164 asking an alteration to the Ahiman Rezon requiring a unanimous vote by ballot instead of a majority vote to restore a Brother to good Masonic Standing in a Lodge, &c., respectfully report: that the Committee came to the unanimous opinion that it would be inexpedient to grant the request.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH RANDALL, JOHN THOMSON,
PETER WILLIAMSON, DAVID C. SKERRETT,
WILLIAM BARGER, *Committee.*

The Committee on Landmarks submitted the following Report which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Landmarks respectfully report, that in the case of —— ——— in Lodge No. 246 and referred by the Grand Lodge, would recommend that in this case, as in all other cases of a similar nature, where an applicant residing in a foreign jurisdiction has been rejected either by a failure to obtain a unanimous or other vote necessary to his acceptance upon his application for Initiation, or upon the ballot for any of the subsequent degrees in Masonry and who has subsequently removed from said jurisdiction and become a permanent resident under our jurisdiction, upon satisfactory evidence being furnished from the Lodge in which such rejection has occurred that the regulations of the Grand Lodge and the By-laws of their

Lodge do not prevent the applicant from applying to any other Lodge for the same purpose, that then and in all such cases the clause contained in our form of application for Initiation and Membership may be modified so as to read thus: "That I do not now or at this present time stand rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge." And the Lodge may receive such application and proceed legally to act upon it. They therefore offer the following resolution: That the report be adopted and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

JUNE 3d, 1861.

The Committee on Landmarks made a report on the communication from Lodge No. 246 asking information relative to the case of a candidate who was duly approved, but before his Initiation objection was made by a Member and propounding certain questions, &c. A motion was made that the report be adopted. A division was called when it was lost by a vote of 47 ayes to 50 nays. On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, it was ordered that the report be printed for the use of the Members of the Grand Lodge. The same to be considered at the Quarterly Communication in September next.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read and on motion duly made and seconded, the report and resolutions were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. ——— against the action of Lodge No. 276 in refusing to confer the degrees on —— ——— an applicant for Initiation and Membership, also the refusal of the Lodge to refund the Initiation fee paid in, respectfully report: that the action of the W. M. refusing to Initiate Mr. ——— after objection had been made in open Lodge is sustained upon the general principle that "The new made Mason must be freeborn, (or no bondman), of mature age and of good report, hail and sound, not deformed or dismembered at the time of their making, but no woman, no eunuch." Also that the Lodge be directed to refund the money deposited by Mr. ———. The Committee therefore offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 276 be directed not to Initiate Mr. ——— while any objection is made by any Member. *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 276 be directed to refund Mr. ——— the money paid in advance on account of Initiation fee.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Landmarks.

PHIL., June 3d, 1861.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the recommendation attached to the report of the Committee of Appeals to re-

port in the matter of Masonic Jurisdiction in the case of Brother —— ——— non-affiliated Mason, who had been E. P. and R. in Lodge No. 382, at Hollidaysburg, by virtue of a Dispensation granted by the former D. D. G. Master Lloyd, the said ——— having been previously rejected by a Lodge in this City and the said dispensation having been obtained by the practice of a great imposition on the part of the Petitioner, and to recommend such course as they may deem proper to vindicate the Grand Lodge and provide a remedy for all such cases in future; respectfully report: that the facts set forth in the report of the aforesaid Committee of Appeals having been sustained by the documentary evidence submitted for their consideration leaving but little doubt of the guilt of the accused. That the said ——— be summoned to appear before this Grand Lodge at its next Quarterly Communication to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Order and deprived of the rights and privileges which have been so dishonorably obtained and that this course shall govern the Lodges in all similar cases. The Committee further report that they deem it unnecessary to suggest any addition or amendment to our present regulations to provide a remedy for the occurrence of similar cases in future believing that the enforcement of the existing law requiring the positive declaration of the applicant "That he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge" will be found amply sufficient to meet all such cases; demanding only the infliction of prompt punishment for any violation of the principles contained in its provisions, respectfully offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that —— ——— be cited to appear before this Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September next, to show cause, if any, why he should not be expelled from the Order and deprived of the rights and privileges which he so dishonestly obtained. *Resolved*, that the suppression of the fact of rejection or full statement of an applicant in reference thereto shall be a proper and sufficient ground for expulsion of any Brother who has thus irregularly obtained admission. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed or Sanctioned by the Com. on Landmarks.)

JOSIAH RANDALL, JOHN THOMSON,
WILLIAM BARGER, DAVID C. SKERRETT,
PETER WILLIAMSON, *Committee on Landmarks.*

PHIL., June 3, 1861.

The first resolution was again read when on motion of Bro. Richsrd Vaux and duly seconded, was amended as follows: *Resolved*, That a copy of the report be furnished to —— ——— and that he be cited to appear before a Special Committee of this Grand Lodge to answer the charges set forth in the report. As amended was adopted, the Committee to consist of five members. The second resolution was also read again and as reported was adopted.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint on the Committee as

per the foregoing resolution Bros. Richard Vaux, William Whitney, Joseph S. Riley, George H. McCabe and John Bolt.

A number of visitors were admitted during the Evening.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2nd, 1861, A. L. 5861.

Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. John Wilson, Sr., R. W. G. Treasurer, *p. t.* William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. John Rutherford, Jr., D. G. Secretary. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. D. Ed. Strickland, J. G. D. Adam Maag and G. Parker Cummings, G. Stewards. George W. Wood, G. Pursuivant. Josiah Randall, Anthony Bournonville and H. M. Phillips, P. G. Masters. B. Richardson, W. Lilly, George H. McCabe, A. M. Pollock, A. E. Ancona and W. A. Porter, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Bros. Floyd, Mosley, Cregar. No. 3, Skerrett, English, Martin, Brown, Thomson. No. 9, Palmer, Duffield. No. 19, McGinnis, Bennett, Beaumont, Cummings, Thornley, Nichols, Randall. No. 25, Scott, McBrien. No. 45, Adair, Pollock. No. 51, Howell, Thomson. No. 52, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Day, Shindler, Hanold. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson, Coburn, Geo. L. Taylor, Sinexon, Patton, Gibson, Notson. No. 62, Moyer, Hiller. No. 67, Field, Simpson, Loudenslager, Van Osten, Worthington, Rutherford, Bolt, Wood, Smith, Shewell, Wagner. No. 71, Frismuth, Jones. No. 72, Abbott, Phillips, O'Harra, McGrath, Thompson, Potter, White. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Mustin, Barry, Hinchman, Eyre. No. 114, Thomson, Stevenson, Oscar Thomson, Kingston. No. 115, Black, Adams, Leigh. No. 121, Foering, Vaux, Warner. No. 125, Bournonville, Maag. No. 126, Miller, Laning, Nisbet, Bell. No. 130, Sutter, McBride, Barrett, Lescure, Young, Eashy, Servier, Strickland, Riley, Giller, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Leiper, Alkins, Squires, Penrose. No. 134, Fraser, Maas. No. 135, Dykes, McFarland, Ferguson. No. 138, Hammer. No. 153, Curtis, Martin, Woodbury, Masson. No. 158, Funk, Shields, Walker, Jones, Pine. No. 186, Little, Boswell, Gaskill, Filson, Devereux, Stevenson, Barrington. No. 211, Cartwright, Hall, Morris, Page, Dorlan. No. 190, Brown. No. 227, Ancona. No. 230, Gicker, Christian, Brittain. No. 236, Thomson. No. 238, McCabe. No. 240, Richardson. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Randall, Baker. No. 270, Keefer. No. 274, Goddard, Manley, Sears, Pedrick, Dechert. No. 276, Brown. No. 281, Boyden. No. 287, Herdman. No. 289, Phillips, Hovey, White, Martin. No. 300, Miller. No. 308, Rex, Newberry. No. 319, Clark.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. W. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Jos. S. Riley, H. M. Phillips, Geo. Thomson, G. P. Cummings, J. Loudenslager, R. Vaux, Daniel Thompson, D. C. Skerrett, James Palmer, L. H. Scott, Jas. Simpson, A. Bournonville, Wm. English, Wm. Curtis, Jas. Shields, John Goddard.

Sixty-nine Lodges represented, forty-eight by Members and twenty-one by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held June 3rd were read and approved.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 240 and 306 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 21, asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 126, for another ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 130, for permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion permission was given under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 270, complaining of the action of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, in receiving an application for Initiation and Membership from Mr. —— ———, and subsequently Initiating him into the Mysteries of Free Masonry, Lodge No. 270 protested against the proceedings and appeals to the Grand Lodge for investigation and redress. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals, and the Grand Secretary was directed to write to Lodge No. 138 and stop further proceedings until the action of the Grand Lodge be had.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287, asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

The following report was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Penna. at its Quarterly Communication held at the Hall in Chestnut street, June 3rd, 1861, A. L. 5861, in the matter of the application for Initiation, and the obtaining the privileges and rights of Masonry by —— ———, in Lodge No. 282, respectfully report: that your Committee met and organized July 5, 1861, present all the Committee except R. W. P. G. M., Bro. William Whitney, who communicated in writing to

your Committee the causes of his absence, —— ——— was also present. That in the consideration of the duties devolved upon the Committee, no precedent could be found for its form of proceeding. The most careful and deliberate consideration was given to the resolution under which the Committee was authorized to act, and the conclusions arrived at were unanimous. It may be proper here to remark that all due action of the Committee was unanimous from its first meeing, July 5th, through the subsequent meetings till and including its final meeting on the 29th of July, 1861. Your committee kept correct and full minutes of the proceedings and reduced to writing all the testimony of each of the several witnesses examined. The documentary evidence together with the testimony of the witnesses and the minutes of the Committee are all herewith annexed and are respectfully made part of this report. Your Committee feel it just to the case, to the Committee, and most especially to the Grand Lodge to remark emphatically that this evidence should be carefully analyzed in coming to a determination on the subject matter. Your Committee are of the opinion that as this case has already occupied the time and attention of the Committees of the R. W. Grand Lodge and in itself embraces such a variety of questions that to make a detailed report would involve issues not pertinent to the case submitted. These questions have however been all carefully examined, and as the testimony and documentary evidence herewith attached fully presents them they are not referred to in this report. The decision your committee has thus unanimously arrived at covers all these questions, and it may be stated that this decision was the result of an elaborate discussion by your Committee of the testimony and a due regard to the Landmarks of our Order. After thus sketching the course which your Committee pursued, it only remains to state what its conclusions are, thus it was thought best to submit in the form of two resolutions which fully and entirely embody the deliberate and conscientious convictions of your Committee.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions: 1. *Resolved*, That —— ——— shall be and he is hereby deprived of all the rights and privileges of Free Masonry obtained in Juniata Lodge, No. 282, until the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. shall see proper to restore him thereto. 2. *Resolved*, that the R. W. G. Lodge hereby authorize the R. W. G. Officers to suspend for a definite period the labours of Juniata Lodge, No. 282, until the R. W. G. Officers shall be satisfied that the labours of said Lodge will be governed by the Ancient sages, Landmarks and Regulations of the Order. 3. *Resolved*, that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. All of which is respectfully submitted by order of

BROS. J. S. RILEY, GEORGE H. MCCABE, JOHN BOLT, *Committee.*
(Signed) RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman.*

PHIL., Aug. 30, 1861.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the application of Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, asking information and direction in the case of a candidate for Initiation and Membership, who was duly approved at a meeting of said Lodge, but before his initiation at a subsequent meeting objection was made by a Member to his admission and propounding certain questions in relation to the same made report. The questions one, two, three, four and five were replied to and a resolution appended. Considerable discussion took place, several amendments were proposed but not adopted, when finally Bro. P. G. M. H. M. Phillips offered the following resolution as a substitute for the Committee's resolution which was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that it is the fundamental regulation of this Grand Lodge that the objection of any one Member of the Lodge shall be sufficient to prevent Initiation of a candidate even after approval, and after Initiation the advancement shall be within the control of the Lodge itself, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. On motion of Bro. James Palmer and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. On motion of Bro. William English and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, that all preceding the resolution in the foregoing report of the Committee on Landmarks be laid on the table.

The following report from the Committee on Appeals was read, approved and the resolution appended thereto adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, that in the case of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in suspending him for non-payment of dues, after duly notifying the Lodge and the appealing Brother they proceeded to and did examine it, and found that on the first of Jan. 1857, he was indebted to the Lodge in the sum of $12; that he was regularly notified of his arrearages, and that on the first of January, 1858, he owed $18.50, and was suspended for non-payment of said dues. The Committee therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the action of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in suspending Bro. —— ——— for non-payment of dues be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

For Committee.

(Signed) JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was read, approved, and resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the application of —— ——— to be restored to good Masonic Standing, presented by him to Lodge No. 164, and the said Lodge requesting under its Seal that the same should be done, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report the following

and recommend its adoption: *Resolved*, that —— ——— having duly appealed through Lodge No. 164 to be restored to good Masonic Standing, and his request having been approved by the said Lodge, be and he is hereby restored to good Masonic Standing.

JAMES PAGE, *on behalf of the Committee on Appeals.*

AUGT. 31, 1861.

The following report was also read, approved and resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of —— ——— and —— ——— from the action of Porter Lodge, No. 284, the Committee of Appeals respectfully report, that after hearing the parties, the Lodge and the appellants, it appeared that each of the appellants had been notified under the Seal of the Lodge to be in attendance at the next regular Stated Meeting to answer and make a final settlement, there had been some dispute as to the balance due by them to the Lodge. They did not appear at the time, when the Lodge at once without charges being preferred and notice given, regarding this step as precipitate and in violation of Masonic Law, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the action of Lodge No. 284, in suspending Bros. —— ——— and ——— ———, was illegal and unmasonic, and that the said Lodge be directed to restore them.

(Signed) J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Bro. William English and duly seconded, the following was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be authorized to refund to St. John's Lodge, No. 115, $154 overpaid by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, Oct. 1st, 1860.

The following was offered by Bro. Woodbury, and referred to the Committee on Finance, to wit: *Resolved*, that such Lodges as are yet indebted for subscription to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and they are hereby released from the said indebtedness.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Lodges, and were referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to wit: Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Wisconsin 1860 and 1861.

Bro. William Lilly offered the following resolution for consideration at a future meeting of the Grand Lodge, to wit: *Resolved*, that in all cases where a candidate for Masonry has been rejected by a Lodge within this jurisdiction, the Secretary of the said Lodge shall notify the candidate of the fact of his rejection under cover and with the Seal of the Lodge.

The following was offered and adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant for all expenses for attendance of witnesses and members of the Committee in the case of —— ———.

Visitors admitted during the Evening: Bros. John Greig, No. 230; William Lawrence Jones, No. 190; Isaac Wolf, No. 25, India; Davis L. Brill, No. 155; John Hartman, No. 246; Charles Tessels, No. 20, N. Y.; Geo. C. Evans, No. 121; Pardon Davis, No. 67; Geo. W. Howell, No. 114; John W. Logan, No. 230; John W. McIntyre, No. 75; John Mann, No. 230; James P. Lindsay, No. 3; Robert Kinsey, No. 230; Aaron Bates, No. 230; Geo. Taylor, No. 230; Wm. P. Breeding, No. 158; Morris Hansell, No. 130; Mathias Ziegler, No. 211; Wm. K. Jewell, No. 72; Richard Wetherill, No. 135; M. H. Bickley, Geo. Baker, No. 236; Jos. W. Catherine, No. 52; Chas. A. Benner, No. 59; Jacob Russ, No. 81; Harmon Johnson, No. 135; Alexander G. Burns, No. 87, Ireland; James L. Ebert, No. 130; Lewis W. Young, No. 158; John H. Israel, No. 158; Henry A. Burton, No. 2; David B. Bichtele, No. 81; Furman Garretson, No. 187; Lucien F. Prudhomme, No. 246; Wm. Stern, No. 215, Ohio; Philip H. Brice, No. 51; Jas. J. Skerrett, by Dispensation R. W. G. M. of Pa.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2d, A. L. 5861.

Quarterly Grand Communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. John M. Davenport, D. G. Sect'y. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. George H. Ashton, J. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Peter A. Keyser, G. S. Bearer. Rev. John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet and William Suddards, G. Chaplains. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. Michael Nisbet, G. Pursuivant. William Whitney, Josiah Randall, William Barger, James Hutchinson and H. M. Phillips, P. G. Masters. Ammi Bond, A. M. Pollock, John Cresswell, Charles M. Howell, George H. Bull, William Lilly, Sharp D. Lewis, George H. McCabe, William A. Porter, Robert W. Lamberton, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Cregar. No. 3, Briggs, Wattson, Brewer, Leddy, Thomson, Skerrett, Colladay, Ingram, Bilger, Hatfield. No. 9, Brothers, Duffield, Dorsey. No. 19, Thomas, Karrick, Murphy, Griscom, Bennett, Beaumont. No. 21, Lamberton, Albach. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Adair, Pollock. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Lewis, Workman, Marshall. No. 52, Ferguson, Wilson, Sr., Shindler, Day, Wood. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Davenport, Gibson, Notson, Sinexon. No. 61, Lewis. No. 62, Mayer, Heller. No. 67, Worthington, Loudenslager, Smith, Rutherford, Martien, Baugh, Van Osten, Shewell, Wood, Field, Deklyne, Hutchinson, Bolt. No. 71, Frismuth, Bladen,

Schnider, Jones. No. 72, Barger, White, Ashton, Hoffman, Jr., Potter, Fox, Chase, Thompson, Phillips, Williams, Coleman, Thomas. No. 75, Knapp. No. 81, Williams, Davis. No. 91, Mustin, Swain, Lee, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Brooks, Clark, Thomson, Boyd, Morrell, Kingston. No. 115, Kraft, Shultz, Adams, Humes, Black, Walles. No. 121, Vaux, Ireland. No. 125, Maag, Trau. No. 126, Miller, Dolby, Jackson, Bell, Nisbet. No. 130, Lescure, Logue, MacBride, Sutter, Brown, Kirkpatrick, Young, Strickland. No. 131, Leiper No. 134, Becker, Williamson, Keyser, Maas. No. 135, McCully, Dykes, Ferguson, McFarland. No. 138, Petry, Hammer. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Neff, Curtis, Hedges, Woodbury, Martin. No. 158, Sinn, Walker, Funk, Jones, Pine. No. 186, Little Stevenson, Russell, Boswell, Gaskill. No. 187, Loeser. No. 197, Porter. No. 220, Cresswell. No. 211, Page, Morris, Cartwright, Dorlan, Jones. No. 230, Christian, Ziegler, Gicker, Green. No. 233, Ensign, Ebert. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Wildey, Randall, Langer. No. 236, Thomson. No. 238, McCabe. No. 258, Bond. No. 265, Ricketts, Knapp. No. 267, Tice. No. 271, Neall, Rienstein, Young. No. 274, Rugan, Goddard, Manley, Pedrick. No. 282, Crawford. No. 287, Herdman. No. 289, Hovey, Martin, Davis, Simpson. No. 292, Murphy. No. 295, Coleman, Brooker. No. 296, Fling, Roberts, Krickbaum. No. 291, Kingsbury. No. 308, Rex, No. 319, Clark. No. 324, Mickey. No. 323, Lynd. No. 326, Fogel. No. 330, Greene. No. 333, Rehrig. No. 339, Kellogg. No. 340, Robb. No. 341, Wilson. No. 325, Haviland. No. 328, Dusenberry.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. Whitney, No. 22; Wm. W. Thomson, No. 106; P. Williamson, No. 156; Wm. Barger, No. 164; C. F. Knapp, No. 144; H. M. Phillips, No. 199; H. Baugh, No. 218; A. M. Pollock, No. 221; Jno. W. Davenport, No. 225; James Herdman, No. 231; Wm. Barger, No. 237; Geo. Thomson, No. 241; Wm. Barger, No. 249; Wm. H. Adams, No. 251; Jas. Hutchinson, No. 253; H. M. Phillips, No. 268; Jas. Ferguson, No. 269; Geo. H. Ashton, Nos. 275 and 279; Wm. H. Adams, No. 282; J. Loudenslager, No. 285; Rich'd Vaux, No. 286; Jas. Herdman, No. 288; Rich'd Vaux, No. 294; Wm. Barger, No. 297; Dan'l Thompson, No. 304; H. Baugh, No. 305; P. Williamson, No. 309; Geo. H. Ashton, No. 312; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320; H. Baugh, No. 330; Jas. Palmer, No. 331.

Votes by Jewels: No. 233, H. K. Ebert for Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 265, C. F. Knapp, Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 291, E. P. Kingsbury, Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 322, E. C. Lynde, Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 324, F. Mickey, for Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 326, John H. Fogel, for Sr. and Jr W.; No. 330, Giles Greene, for Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 339, D. E. Kellog, for Sr. and Jr. W.; No. 341, John Wilson, for Sr. and Jr. W.

Ninety-nine Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at quarter to seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Meeting, held Sept. 2, 1861, were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 144 appointing Bro.

Christian F. Knapp their proxy. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed, and Bro. Knapp acknowledged as the Proxy for said Lodge.

This being the evening designated by our rules and regulations for holding the annual election for officers, the R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named brethren tellers:

For votes by members, Bros. William Whitney, William Lilly.

For votes by proxy and jewels, Bros. James Herdman, Jos. T. Thomas.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot.

After report of the tellers, the R. W. Grand Master announced the following Brethren re-elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic year.

Bros. John Thomson, R. W. Grand Master; David C. Skerrettt, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Lucius H. Scott, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; John L. Goddard, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer; William H. Adams, Grand Secretary.

The following Brethren were also elected:

Trustees of Girard Bequest, Brothers Samuel H. Perkins, James Hutchinson, A. Bournonville, David Boyd, David Jayne.

Trustees of Masonic Loan, Brothers William Badger, William English, P. R. Howard, James Shields, Frederick Lennig, in connection with the elective Grand Officers.

Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund, Brothers John Wilson, Sr., Joseph S. Riley, Wm. S. Black, Wm. English, Angus N. Macpherson.

No further business; Grand Lodge closed in peace, at ten o'clock P. M., to the third Monday in December, 1861, next.

W. H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILA., Dec. 16th, 1861, A. L. 5861.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Robert Clark, D. G. Sect'y. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and A. Maag, G. Stewards. Edward Masson, G. Pursuivant. Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. William Whitney, James Page, H. M. Phillips, P. G. Masters. Charles M. Howell, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Francis, Blackburne. No. 3, Thomson, Skerrett, English, Briggs. No. 9, Marshall, Palmer, Duffield. No. 19, Griscom, Thomas Karrick. No. 21, Allabach. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, C. M. Howell. No. 51, Howell, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Hanold, Wilson, Sr., Ferguson, Day. No. 59, Adams, Patton, Notson, Coburn, Sinexon. No. 62, Heller. No. 67, Smith, Loudenslager, Griffith, Shew-

ell, Rutherford, Bolt, Worthington, Van Osten. No. 71, Frismuth, Burns, Jones. No. 72, Thompson, Thomas, White, Abbott, Phillips. No. 81, Williams, Davis. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Swain, Hinchman, Mustin, Krider. No. 114, Stokley, Thomson, Kingston, Morrell, Clark, Stevenson. No. 115, Adams, Leigh, Kraft. No. 125, Trau, Staake, Maag. No. 126, Dolby, Bell, Nisbet, Page. No. 130, Lescure, Easby, Riley, Strickland, Young, Severns, Kirkpatrick. No. 134, Maas, Roney, Keyser, Williamson. No. 135, Dykes. No. 138, Henry, Voute, Hammer. No. 152, Sweeney. No. 155, Martin, Woodbury, Masson. No. 158, Shields, Weatherly, Walker, Funk. No. 186, Boswell. No. 187, Fulmer. No. 211, Hall, Cartwright, Morris, Dorlan. No. 246, Randall, Jones. No. 271, Young, Mayer. No. 274, Goddard, Dechert. No. 270, Hazel. No. 289, Davis, Hovey, Martin, Simpson. No. 295, Brooker. No. 308, Rex, Newberry.

Proxies: No. 106, Wm. W. Thomson; No. 156, T. Williams; No. 199, H. M. Phillips; No. 251, Wm. H. Adams; No. 268, H. M. Phillips; No. 269, Jas. Ferguson; No. 282, W. H. Adams; No. 285, J. Loudenslager; No. 309, P. Williamson; No. 317, D. C. Skerrett; No. 320, L. H. Scott; No. 331, Jas. Palmer.

Fifty-one Lodges represented.

Thirty-eight by Members and thirteen by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past Six o'clock, P. M.

By-laws and Amendments to By-laws from Lodges Nos. 91, 138, 240 and 289 were received and referred to the Committee of By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 62 asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant to said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 135 to take another ballot on Mr. —— ——— and Mr. —— ———, both rejected in said Lodge. On motion the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 135, asking for an alteration to their By-laws, changing their meeting night to Wednesday Evening on or before full Moon. On motion the request was granted.

A communication was also read from Lodge No. 135, inviting the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge to participate in the Dedication of their New Hall in Manayunk on Thursday Morning, Dec. 19th, 1861. On motion the invitation was received and ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 153, to take another ballot on Mr. —— ——— and —— ———, both rejected in said Lodge. On motion the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 238, asking permission for —— ——— to apply for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 265, he being rejected in Lodge No. 238. On motion the foregoing was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

An application for a remission of dues was read from Lodge No. 283, and on motion was referred to the Committee of Finance.

An application was read from Lodge No. 295, asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ——, a rejected petitioner to said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 43, in relation to their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, &c. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Minnesota and Vermont. On motion were referred to Com. on Foreign Correspondence.

The following report was read and approved and ordered to be filed:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully presents the following report for the two quarters ending Nov. 15th, 1861, A. L. 5861.

They have received the accounts of the Hall Committee, compared them with their vouchers, and found them correct, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $942.57.

They examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and found them correct as follows:

He has balance as per last report		$3,815 49
Received from Rent of Stores		2,500 03
" " Dispensations, &c.		138 00
" " Dues from Lodges, &c.		3,732 50
		$10,186 02

He has paid orders of Grand Master	$303 38	
Expenses D. D. G. Master	38 00	
Expenses Grand Treas.	13 73	
Expenses on discount uncurrent money	17 55	
Orders Hall Committee	1,018 88	
Grand Secretary's salary	$625 00	
Expenses office	144 59	
	769 59	
Interest on Loans	3,321 00	
Trustees M. Loans	4,437 00	
Insurance on furniture	200 00	
Balance on hand	66 89	
		$10,186 02

They examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans from May 23, 1861, to Nov. 29, 1861.

Of the $110,000 Loan—	
Balance as per last settlement	$63 00
Appropriated	2,091 00
	$2,154 00
Amount paid since	2,056 50
Balance on hand uncalled for	$97 50
Of the $41,000 Loan—	
Balance as per last settlement	$336 00
Appropriation	1,230 00
	$1,566 00
Amount paid since	1,360 50
Balance uncalled for	$205 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
ROBERT CLARK, JOHN L. GODDARD.

PHILA., Dec. 6th, 1861.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read, approved, and, on motion ordered to be printed, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully present the following as their Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year, ending November 15, 1861.

The Committee have examined from time to time, as reported to the Grand Lodge in their Quarterly Reports, the accounts of the Hall Committee, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans, and found them uniformly correct, ample vouchers taken, books neatly and correctly kept, and in such form and manned as to meet the approbation of your Committee. The expenditures of the Hall Committee appear to have been judiciously made, and with a due regard to economy and the interests of the Grand Lodge.

They now submit a synopsis of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, as follows:

He has received—	
Balance last year	$1,351 11
Dues from Lodges, &c.	19,502 08
Dispensations, &c.	1,507 50
Rents of Stores	6,250 07
	$28,610 76

He has paid—		
Orders of Hall Committee	$2,217 87	
Taxes	2,058 20	
		$4,276 07
Grand Master		665 04
Expenses D. D. Grand Masters		509 51
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses		1,588 34
" " insurance		200 00
Grand Treasurer's expenses, office		53 50
Discount on uncurrent money		82 70
Grand Lodge Charity Fund		1,260 00
Interest on Masonic Loan		6,642 00
Trustees Masonic Loan		12,949 50
Transfer of Gas Certificate		24 86
Printing		292 35
Leaving balance on hand Nov. 15, 1861		66 89
		$28,610 76

We next submit a condensed statement of payment of interest on Masonic Loans.

On the $110,000 Loan:	
Balance on hand last Annual Report	$171 00
Appropriations	4,182 00
Together	$4,353 00
Paid	4,255 50
Outstanding and uncalled for	$97 50
On the $41,000 Loan:	
Balance last Annual Report	$234 00
Appropriation by the Grand Lodge	2,460 00
Together	$2,694 00
Paid this year	2,488 50
Remaining on hand	$205 50

The Committee have, on consultation with the Officers and Committees of the Grand Lodge, made the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1862.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income:	
Dues from Lodges, &c., &c.	$15,000 00
Dispensations, Warrants, new Lodges, &c.	1,200 00
Rents of Stores	6,000 00
	$22,200 00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Loans:		
On outstanding of $110,000 Loan, Jan'y, 1862		$1,719 00
" " " July, "		1,719 00
On the $41,000 Loan, April, "		1,230 00
" " " Oct. "		1,230 00
Hall Committee:		
Labor of hired man	$450 00	
" to women	412 00	
Taxes for 1862	2,300 00	
Fuel	370 00	
Gas	1,100 00	
Water Rents and sewerage	68 00	
Incidentals	400 00	
		5,000 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses		1,500 00
" " to pay insurance on furniture		200 00
Grand Master's expenses		500 00
D. D. Grand Master's expenses		500 00
Grand Treasurer's expenses and salary		250 00
Grand Tyler's salary		200 00
Also to Grand Lodge Charity Fund	$1,260 00	
Less interest received on Pittsburgh Loan	622 50	
		637 50
Making together		$14,685 50
Leaving an apparent surplus of		$7,514 50

to be applied to the reduction of the debt of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee append for the information of the brethren the following statement of the Loans of the Grand Lodge:

Outstanding and unpaid last year	$87,750 00
Purchased or redeemed this year	14,550 00
Leaves balance yet due	$73,200 00

Divided between the loans as follows:

Unpaid of last year of the $110,000	$69,700 00	
Purchased this year	12,400 00	
		$57,300 00
Of the $41,000 Loan unpaid last Report	$18,050 00	
Purchased since	2,150 00	
		15,900 00

In conclusion, your Committee present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the following resolutions of appropriation for the ensuing year:

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1862.

Hall Committee	$5,000 00
Grand Secretary's Salary and Expenses	1,500 00
" " Insurance on Furniture	200 00
Grand Master	500 00
Expenses Dist. Dep. Grand Master	500 00
Grand Treasurer's Expenses and Salary	250 00
Grand Tyler's Salary	200 00
Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund	637 50
	$8,787 50

Resolved, That the Rt. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the following amounts and dates, to pay interest on Masonic Loans:

January 1, 1862	$1,719 00
July 1, 1862	1,719 00
April 1, 1862	1,230 00
October 1, 1862	1,230 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
JOHN L. GODDARD, JNO. W. LEE,
ROBERT CLARK, *Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 13, 1861.

The following report was read and approved and the resolution adopted, to wit: The Committee on Finance respectfully presents the following special report: At the Quarterly Communication in Sept. the following resolution as offered and referred to your Committee, to wit: *Resolved*, That such Lodges as are yet in arrears for subscriptions to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and are hereby relieved from the said indebtedness.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the resolution by the Grand Lodge, and thus relieve these Lodges, as we are informed it was at their request or desire that the resolution was offered, and it seems equitable and right to do so because the Grand Lodge has taken charge of this Charity Fund, and appoints the Almoners in the same or smaller manner to that of the Girard Bequest, so that these Lodges cannot exercise the right of distribution which they had under the original plan or arrangement.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ROBERT CLARK, JNO. L. GODDARD,
WM. WHITNEY, MICHL. NISBET,
Committee.

The Committee on By-laws made report on the By-laws of Lodge No. 240; also on the Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 91, 238 and 289 which was adopted.

The following report from the Committee on Appeals was read, approved and the resolutions adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

In the Matter of the appeal of certain Members of Lodge No. 306 against the action of the Lodge in the case of Bro. —— ——, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that by the papers exhibited to the Committee the conduct of the said Brother has been exceedingly disgraceful to himself and injurious to the Lodge and Order; that he was tried and convicted by the Lodge on certain charges, he being at the time Senior Warden which by a vote of the Lodge he was reprimanded; that after the reprimand it became necessary to prefer other charges against him which was done, he had then withdrawn from his office of Senior Warden. The charges were drunkenness and profanity. To these he pleaded guilty. It was then proposed to reprimand him against which some of the brethren protested, at the same time the Lodge took a vote upon his expulsion which was carried by 16 to 14, not being two-thirds as required by the By-laws. A vote to reprimand was subsequently carried. Soon after many of the brethren having retired a vote to reconsider the resolution of reprimand was put and carried so that the offending brother escaped with that slight punishment to the discredit of the Lodge and the Order. Whether the motion was rightfully offered don't appear, and it is somewhat irregular that the W. M. should have permitted a motion of the kind then to be acted upon as so many of the brethren had retired, and it is to the shame of those voting in favour of the reconsideration in face of Bro. ——'s disgraceful conduct, they should have expelled him if they had any respect for the Order or themselves, but the Committee do not see how they can coerce the action of the Lodge. It is for the loyal Members to vindicate it, and put down the disloyal ones by remaining constantly by their posts. The Committee regretting that they cannot offer a resolution which would relieve Lodge No. 306 from an unworthy Member submit the following: *Resolved*, That the appeal of the Members of Lodge No. 306 from its action in the case of Bro. —— —— be dismissed, but the Grand Lodge in view of the whole facts censure Lodge No. 306 for not expelling the Brother on the charges preferred against him, being his second offence, and to which he pleaded guilty.

(Signed) JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following Report from the Committee on Appeals was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The report of the Committee of Appeals on the complaint of Page Lodge, No. 270, on the action of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, respect-

fully sets forth, that —— ———, a resident of the vicinity of Page Lodge, applied to that Lodge, the nearest to him for Initiation and Membership and was reported unfavorably, but was never balloted for and his application remained unacted upon or was withdrawn. He subsequently applied for Initiation and Membership in Lodge No. 138, which fact was made known to Page Lodge, whereupon this latter Lodge protested against his being received by Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138. Nevertheless a favorable report being made in the latter Lodge, the applicant was balloted for and elected and would then have been Initiated but for an objection raised upon the ground of his former application to Page Lodge. This was afterwards withdrawn and ——— was duly Initiated in Schuylkill Lodge and further proceedings had until they were stopped by a resolution of the Grand Lodge in September last. Page Lodge heard of the Initiation on the part of Schuylkill Lodge. They passed strong resolutions of censure and had copies of them sent to all the Lodges in the County and forwarded their Complaint to the Grand Lodge. It is not possible for the Grand Lodge to undo what Schuylkill Lodge has done. While it has not been in violation of any written Law upon the subject it is certainly against all Masonic Usage. The applications should be made in all instances to the nearest Lodge and when the seeker after Masonry chooses to leave his own domicile and goes elsewhere for its obtainment his application should be refused. Page Lodge was the Lodge for Bro. ——— to apply to; he did apply there and for some reason or other his case was not acted upon. Why it is not material now to inquire. Of this Schuylkill Lodge was apprised in season. Instead of receiving the communication of Page Lodge in a fraternal spirit and appointing a committee to visit Page Lodge to ascertain what difficulty if any existed, it proceeds to and does Initiate the applicant in face of the protest showing a great want of courtesy, if not unmasonic feeling and justly drawing upon itself the rebuke of Page Lodge. While Page Lodge may have great reason to complain of the carelessness of Schuylkill Lodge and the apparent want of Masonic propriety, it erred in sending copies of its resolutions to other Lodges in the County. It should have contented itself by sending them to the offending Lodge and the Grand Lodge and abiding the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises. The Committee submit the following: *Resolved*, that Schuylkill Lodge in admitting to Membership —— ——— with a knowledge that he had applied to Page Lodge, the nearest Lodge and had not been admitted in that Lodge, and in the face of a protest on the part of Page Lodge, was guilty of Masonic impropriety and is deserving of censure, which is hereby imposed. *Resolved*, that said Lodge be allowed to proceed in conferring further degrees upon Bro. —— ———. The first resolution elicited considerable discussion when it was decided in the negative. The second resolution was then called up and adopted.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, submitted the following report, which was approved and referred for publication:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Masonic Loan, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the trustees, respectfully submits the following statement of their proceedings during the past year, as per account of Peter Williamson, Esq., Treasurer, up to December 14th, 1861. Also, a statement of the whole amount of investments made up to same date, with a view of showing the reduction of the debt on the Loans ordered by the Grand Lodge.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS IN MASONIC LOANS PER ACCOUNT OF PETER WILLIAMSON, ESQ., UP TO DEC. 14, 1861.

Trustees of the Masonic Loans in account with Peter Williamson, Treasurer.

1860.	DR.		
Nov. 6,	To purchase of one certificate, No. 199, in $110,000 Loan		$500 00
	Interest to date	$12 50	
1861.			
June 6,	To purchase of six Certificates of $110,000, Nos. 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175		3,000 00
" 27,	To purchase of two Certificates of $110,000 Loan, No. 176, for $500		900 00
	No. 177, " 400		
	Interest on both to date.....$4 75	8 55	
	..... 3 80		
Mar. 20,	To purchase of two certificates of $110,000 Loan, Nos. 229 and 230, at $500 each,		1,000 00
	Interest to date	13 50	
June 12,	To purchase of six Certificates of the $110,000 Loan, Nos. from 231 to 236		3,000 00
	Interest to date	81 00	
Sept. 23,	To purchase of four Certificates of the $110,000 Loan, Nos. 237, 238, 239, 240		2,000 00
	Interest to date	28 00	
" 23,	To purchase of two Certificates of the $110,000 Loan, Nos. 241, 242		1,000 00
	Interest to date	14 00	
Nov. 3,	To purchase of three Certificates of the $41,000 Loan, No. 3, $300, No. 27, $1,000, No. 54, $500		1,800 00
	Interest to date	9 00	
Dec. 4,	To purchase of two Certificates of $110,000 Loan, Nos. 65 and 66		1,000 00
	Interest to date	25 34	
" 4,	To purchase of one Certificate of the $41,000 Loan, No. 30, for $350		350 00
	Interest	3 79	
	Total of Interest		195 68
	Balance carried forward		157 37
			$14,903 05

1860.	Cr.		
Nov. 26,	By balance brought forward.....		$309 55
	By Cash from Grand Lodge.....		512 50
1861.			
Jan'y 2,	By Cash from Grand Lodge.....		3,000 00
Feb. 26,	" " "		5,000 00
May 23,	By interest on $110,000 Loan to January 1, 1861	$15 00	
" 23,	By interest on $41,000 Loan to April 1, 1861	688 50	
Sept. 23,	By Cash from Grand Lodge.....		2,028 00
Nov. 3,	" " "		1,809 00
" 13,	" " "		600 00
" 25,	By interest on $110,000 Loan to July 1, 1861, for six months.....	252 00	
" 25,	By interest on $41,000 Loan to Oct. 1, 1861, for six months.....	688 50	
	Total of interest.....		1,644 00
			$14,903 05

Balance due on the $110,000 Loan, as per the last Report		$69,700 00
Purchased since		12,400 00
Balance still due.....		$57,300 00
Balance due on $41,000.....	$18,050 00	
Purchased since	2,160 00	
Balance still due.....		15,900 00
Balance due on both Loans Dec. 14, 1861....		$73,200 00

Amount of the whole debt.....	$151,000 00
Amount paid off.....	78,800 00
Balance still due.....	$73,200 00

Errors and omissions excepted.
On behalf of the Trustees.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

The following report was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the question of Suspending the Warrant of Juniata Lodge, No. 282, respectfully report, That upon examination they find that the Lodge as such is not responsible

for the irregularities attending the Initiation of Mr. —— ——— into the Order. It appears that the wrong done was by a few indiscreet brethren whose action in this matter deserves censure, but as the decision of the Grand Lodge is deemed by us a sufficient rebuke to them, we would press the reproof no further. Lodge No. 282 having expressed its regret at the occurrence and a willingness to abide by and conform to the Ancient Usages and Customs of Masonry we think further action unnecessary. We therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the Grand Officers be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN THOMSON, *on behalf of the Grand Officers.*

PHIL., Decr. 16, 1861.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Wm. H. Adams, presented the following communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, appointing him its representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

By the Most Worshipful William R. Penick, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, in the United States of America:

WHEREAS, For the purpose of drawing closer the ties of Masonic Brotherhood, brightening the chain of Fraternal Union, and providing ready means of Authentic Inter-communication among Craftsmen everywhere, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri has adopted the Representative System, which has for many years been practised by other Grand Lodges of our Order:

Therefore, be it known, That we, reposing special trust and confidence in our well-beloved Brother Right Worshipful Wm. H. Adams, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said Right Worshipful Wm. H. Adams the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the purposes aforesaid, and through him tender our fraternal greetings.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same, at the city of Saint Joseph, Missouri, in the United States of America, this twelfth day of October, A. D. 1861, A. L. 5861.

W. R. PENICK, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

A. O'SULLIVAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Whereupon on motion of Brother Robert Clark it was

Resolved, That Brother Wm. H. Adams be and is hereby recognized as the Representative from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to notify the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri accordingly.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the following Report, which was read and approved, as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE G. L. CHARITY FUND.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, A. D. 1861—A. L. 5861.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, &c.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, respectfully report: That they have received from the various sources of revenue,

from Nov. 15, 1860, to Nov. 15, 1861		$2,770 82
To which add balance, as per last Annual Report		398 72
Total		$3,169 54
They have appropriated and paid, upon orders issued by the R. W. Grand Master, to the use of the Board of Almoners	$1,700 00	
For the purchase of $1,500 Six Per Cent. City Loan	1,293 75	
And for Notices and Postage	1 25	
Total		$2,995 00
Leaving a balance, Nov. 15, 1861, of		$174 54
Of the above balance there is due to St. John's Lodge, No. 115, the sum of		154 00
Leaving the available balance in hands of Trustees		$20 54

During the past year the Trustees invested, as above stated, $1,293,75, in the purchase of $1,500 Six Per Cent. City Loan.

The sum of $2,050 of the Stock and Loan of the "Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society," having been transferred by the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, due credit has been given to the Grand Lodge for that amount.

The accompanying statements, marked A and B, will show the details of the receipts and payments, as well as the amount and character of the securities held by the Trustees for the Fund, committed to their charge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WM. ENGLISH, JNO. WILSON, WM. S. BLACK, *Trustees.*

STATEMENT A.

Showing the Receipts and Payments by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, for the year ending November 15, 1861.

1860. RECEIPTS.

Nov.	15,	To Balance, as per last Report		$398 72
1861.				
Jan.	1,	" Interest on $3,300 City Loan		94 88
"	1,	" " " Deposits		30 79
"	1,	" " " $6,350 Masonic Loan		190 50
"	8,	" " " $2,050 Pittsburg Masonic Loan, (5 years,)		622 50
"	8,	" Cash for 1 Share Pittsburg Masonic Loan, sold		5 00
"	9,	" Interest on Subscription. Grand Lodge, (balance 1859,)		180 00
Feb.	26,	" Cash for 2 Shares Pittsburg Masonic Loan, sold,		10 00
Mar.	13,	" Interest on Mortgage, ($3,200,)		96 00
"	16,	" " " Subscriptions of Grand Lodge		1,080 00
June	18,	" Interest on Deposits		6 60
July	5,	" " " $500 Masonic Loan		15 00
"	5,	" " " $6,350 " "		190 50
"	8,	" " " $4,800 City "		136 80
Aug.	8,	" " " Mortgage, ($3,200,)		96 00
Oct.	3,	" " " Deposits		1 25
"	5,	" " " $500 Masonic Loan		15 00
		Total		$3,169 54

1861. PAYMENTS.

Jan.	9,	By cash to Peter Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	$600 00
Apr.	3,	By cash to Peter Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	400 00
May	14,	By cash to P. R. Howard & Co., for $1,500 City Loan	1,293 75
June	11,	By cash to Aaron Waters, for Notices and Postage	1 25
July	5,	By cash to Peter Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	300 00
Oct.	4,	By cash to Peter Williamson, Treas. Board of Almoners	400 00
		Total	$2,995 00
Nov.	15,	Balance in hand this date	$174 54

STATEMENT B.

Showing the amount and character of the securities now held in trust for the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, viz.:

Certificate No. 178, Mortgage Masonic Loan.		
Interest January and July		$500 00
Certificate No. 179, " " "		500 00
" 180, " " "		500 00
" 181, " " "		500 00
" 182, " " "		500 00
" 183, " " "		500 00
" 184, " " "		500 00
" 185, " " "		500 00
" 186, " " "		500 00
" 187, " " "		500 00
" 188, " " "		500 00
" 189, " " "		500 00
" 190, " " "		150 00
" 216, " " "		200 00
" 13, Second Masonic Loan, Int. April and October		500 00
" 409, Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society		1,050 00
" " " " "		500 00
" " " " "		500 00
" 17,017, Six Per Cent. Loan due 1875, Int. Jan. and July		400 00
" 17,018, Six per Cent. City Loan, due 1887, Int. Jan. and July		400 00
" 17,663, Six Per Cent. City Loan, due 1889, Int. Jan. and July		800 00
" 20,050, Six Per Cent. City Loan, due 1883, Int. Jan. and July		1,700 00
" 21,215, Six Per Cent. City Loan, due 1887, Int. Jan. and July		1,500 00
Mortgage on House and lot, Germantown, Interest January and July		3,200 00
Subscriptions of Grand Lodge, seven years at $3,000	$21,000 00	
Less amount Pittsburg Masonic Loan, transferred to this Fund	2,050 00	
		18,950 00
Total Grand Lodge Charity Fund		$35,850 00

The following resolution offered by Bro. William Lilly and laid over at the last meeting was called up: *Resolved*, that in all cases when a candidate for Masonry has been rejected by any Lodge within this

Jurisdiction the Secretary of said Lodge shall notify the candidate of the fact of his rejection. Some discussion ensued when it was decided as not adopted.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in Peace at 9 o'c., P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILA., Dec. 27th, 1861, A. L. 5861.

Annual Grand Communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. Grand M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. Ed. Brewer, J. G. Deacon, *p. t.* Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and Joseph T. Thomas, G. Stewards. Edward Masson, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Henry M. Phillips, P. G. Master. Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Cregar, Burton. No. 3, Brewer, Skerrett, English, Ingram. No. 9, Mahony. No. 19, Griscom. No. 25, Scott, Dorrance, Benezett. No. 51, Thomson, Bouvier. No. 52, Wilson, Hanold, Bruce, White. No. 59, Adams, Notson, Coburn. No. 607, Shewell, Baugh, Simpson, Loudenslager, Bolt, Martien, Worthington, McIlree. No. 71, Jones. No. 72, Hoffman, Phillips, Thomas. No. 81, Davis, Piper. No. 91, Perkins, Krider, Taylor. No. 114, Stokely, Morrell, Kingston, Thomson, Buckingham. No. 115, Kraft, Adams, Shultz. No. 121, Harris, Warner, Vaux. No. 125, Maag, Staake. No. 126, Nisbet, Dolby. No. 130, Kirkpatrick, Lescure. No. 131, Alkins, Taggart. No. 134, Stephens, Maas, Keyser, Williamson, Vancleve. No. 155, Masson, Woodbury, Neff, Martin. No. 158, Walker, Sinn, Yeager. No. 135, Ferguson. No. 186, Filson, Adams. No. 187, Rittenhouse. No. 194, Waggonseller. No. 190, Brown. No. 211, Morris, Bennett, Cartwright, Dorlan, Peall. No. 230, Evans. No. 246, Masson, Baker, Walker, Langer. No. 219, Clarke. No. 236, Thomson. No. 271, Young. No. 274, Goddard. No. 281, Hall. No. 219, Anderson, Hovey. No. 342, Huston.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. W. Thomson, No. 106; H. M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 268; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317; H. Baugh, Nos. 305 and 330; P. Williamson, Nos. 150 and 309; Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 251 and 282; L. H. Scott, No. 320.

The Grand Lodge, with fifty-three Lodges represented, opened in Ample Form at quarter past ten o'clock in the morning.

So much of the Minutes of Quarterly Communication, held December 2d, as related to the Election of Officers, was read and approved.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Henry M. Phillips took the

chair, and proceeded to the Installation of Brother John Thomson, Right Worshipful Grand Master; after which the other Grand Officers were in like manner Installed in their respective offices, as follows:

Bros. David C. Skerrett, R. W. Dep. G. Master; Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. Warden; John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer; William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother John Thomson, after his Installation, and that of the other Grand Officers, made the following address to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE: By the favor of the Most High, we are permitted to meet once more in Annual Grand Communication. Peace and harmony reign throughout our Masonic jurisdiction and the brotherhood of Masons continues to proper. I deem it only necessary on this occasion to advert in a general way, to some matters of interest; not only to the Craft in this jurisdiction, but to Masonry throughout the United States; and without being desirous of meddling with matters which may not be strictly regarded as such, I cannot refrain from a mere passing notice of our present national affairs. Perhaps silence at this critical moment, would be the most prudent course. If I allude to the troubles that now distract and divide this once united and happy country, I do it in a Masonic spirit, though alas, I fear that Masonry is powerless to still the whirlwind or allay the storm that now hovers o'er us. Yet, if Masonry is powerless to heal and unite this bleeding and distracted nation, it is also at the same time powerful to relieve, commiserate with, and succor individual brethren on either side, engaged in this fratricidal strife. In war, as well as in peace, the Masonic duty, and the Masonic privilege, are alike binding and reciprocal. By the ancient constitutions of Masonry, a brother, even when engaged in rebellion against his country, is still to be considered as a Mason; his character as such being indefeasible. Then whenever opportunity offers, let us show ourselves true to our teachings, by mitigating the sufferings and alleviating the distresses that follow in war's dread train, for such *is* the mission of Masonry. In my inaugural address, I stated that no effort on my part should be wanting, and any means at my disposal would be freely employed to promote, far and near, the general good of the Order, by advice, counsel and instruction to the different Lodges, or individual brethren requiring the same. In accordance with this pledge, I have visited frequently the Lodges in the city as well as several at a distance. A number of the more distant Lodges having requested instruction, and it not being in my power to attend personally, Past Grand Master Brother William Barger, at my instance, visited them. His visits were well received, and I have no doubt that even this transitory measure of instruction will be attended with favorable results. The Lodges visited by Brother Barger are Nos. 325, 338, 328, 240, 291,

61, 223, 249, 218, 341, 248, 263, 108, 306, 62, 227, 254, 310, 326, 333, 283, and 284; in all 22 Lodges. The number of dispensations granted by me the year past has been: To Enter, none; Pass and Raise, 11; Raise, 2; Pass the Chair, 48; and the No. of Grand Lodge certificates issued, 34. There has been during the same period but one warrant for a new Lodge issued, viz., for No. 342, at Coudersport, Potter Co., Pennsylvania. The brethren of Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, having completed their new hall, a building reflecting the highest credit on their zeal and energy, were desirous of having the same dedicated to the purposes of Free Masonry. In accordance with their wishes, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I visited Manayunk on the 19th inst., and consummated that imposing ceremony. The day was propitious. About 400 of the brethren participated, and the utmost decorum prevailed. Previous to the dedication a highly eloquent and instructive address was delivered by Grand Chaplain Brother John Chambers, which will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to hear it. The state of the finances of the Grand Lodge still continue to be a subject of congratulation. Notwithstanding the income of the Grand Lodge has been somewhat decreased, owing to the reduction of the rent of the stores on Chestnut Street, as well also as to the diminished receipts from Lodges, it is a source of much gratification to know that the debt of the Grand Lodge has been considerably decreased, by the redemption of the loan.

The amount of the Grand Lodge debt was December 27th, 1860	$87,750 00
Of which there has been purchased this year	14,550 00
Leaving the amount of the Grand Lodge debt	$73,200 00
The Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounted December 27th, 1860, to	$31,350 00
And has been increased this year	4,450 00
Showing the present amount of said fund	$35,800 00

Seventeen hundred dollars has been paid this year by the Trustees of the Charity Fund, to the Almoners thereof, nearly all of which has been disbursed to the widows, children, and mothers of deceased Brethren. The Stephen Girard Bequest now amounts to about $40,000. During the year $2,000 of the income thereof has been paid by the Stewards of the bequest for the relief of poor and respectable Brethren in accordance with the will of the testator. Detailed reports have been received from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, the Trustees of Masonic Loans, the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the Committee of Finance, as well as those of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Bequest, and of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. These reports will be published with the annual proceedings of

the Grand Lodge, and to them I refer the Brethren for more minute particulars. The reports received from the District Deputy Grand Masters are in general satisfactory; exhibiting as they do the care and attention bestowed by them on the different Lodges under their superintendence, as well as their care that the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of the Order be not infringed. The granting of Dispensations to Enter, Pass, and Raise, always a subject of anxiety and reflection, has been during the past year, to me, much more so. Many of our patriotic fellow-citizens have enrolled themselves in the cause of their country, and some of them before joining the army, on their own volition, or at the suggestion of their friends, were desirous forthwith, to be made Masons. However ungracious the refusal may seem, I have been compelled, from a sense of duty, to refuse all such applications. I was not willing to take the responsibility of opening so wide a door for the entrance of men into the Order, however worthy I might deem them, without the necessary and wholesome formalities which should be observed before gaining admittance. Nor is this course unreasonable. If the applicant neglected the proper course, until he was about being placed in a position of danger, the omission was his own, and he has no right to complain because the necessary safeguards were not set aside for his benefit. It is true that there may be isolated cases in which this rigid rule might be relaxed; but at this time, to favor some and reject others, would be considered at least invidious. Where an application has been made to a Lodge in the usual form, the necessary enquiry made, the report favorable, and the approval of the Lodge unanimous, I have not hesitated, on proper representation, to authorize the Lodge to confer the remaining degrees at the same meeting on which the candidate was entitled to his initiation. Having thus briefly placed before you some of the most important topics connected with our welfare, I cannot close without first acknowledging, as we do, the existence of a Supreme Being, and a firm and steadfast reliance upon the Author of all good. We now invoke His blessing and protection.

Great God, we praise thy mighty hand,
By which supported, still we stand;
The opening year thy mercy shows,
Let mercy crown it till it close.

After the delivery of the address, R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the year:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1. Brother Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster, York, and Lebanon, and Lodge No. 309, at Downingtown.

No. 2. Brother Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata, and Perry.

No. 3. Brother S. E. Ancona, of Reading, Berks County, and Lodge No. 254 at Pottstown, and Lodge No. 310 at Perkiomen Bridge.

No. 4. Brother George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill.

No. 5. Brother William L. Stewart, of Hawley, for Northampton, Monroe, Wayne, and Pike Counties.

No. 6. Brother William Lilly, of Mauch Chunk, for Carbon, Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327 at Hazleton.

No. 7. Brother Sharpe D. Lewis, of Wilkesbarre, for Luzerne County.

No. 8. Brother Chris. F. Knapp, of Bloomsburg, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union, and Snyder Counties.

No. 9. Brother Harrison T. Beardsley, of Lock Haven, for Clinton, Lycoming, Centre, and Potter Counties.

No. 10. Brother John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford, and Fulton Counties.

No. 11. Brother William A. Porter, of Waynesburg, for Washington, Greene, Fayette, and Somerset Counties.

No. 12. Brother A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburg, for Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

No. 13. Brother Samuel M. Mehard, of Mercer, for Beaver, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties.

No. 14. Brother Ammi Bond, of Conneautville, for Erie, Crawford, Warren, and Venango Counties.

No. 15. Brother Charles L. Lamberton, of Clarion, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield, and Indiana.

No. 16. Brother R. C. Simpson, of Wellsboro, for Bradford and Tioga Counties.

No. 17. Brother B. Richardson, of Brooklyn, for Susquehanna and Wyoming.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, W. H. Odenheimer, Peter Russell, Wm. Suddards, Daniel Washburn, W. H. Reese, T. S. Johnson, Wm. Cooper, John G. Fury.

Senior Grand Deacon, Brother Samuel C. Perkins; Junior Grand Deacon, George H. Ashton; Grand Stewards, Adam Maag and James Ferguson; Grand Marshal, J. Loudenslager; Grand Sword Bearer, James Simpson; Grand Pursuivant, Charles M. Prevost; Grand Tyler, William B. Schnider.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Josiah Randall, William Barger, Peter Williamson, with the R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. William Whitney, John L. Goddard, R. Clark, Michael Nisbet, John W. Lee.

ALMONERS GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Edward Wiler, Lodge No. 2; N. L. Hatfield, No. 3; James Palmer, No. 9; Wm. H. Nicols, No. 19; Sterling Bell, No. 51; John Wilson, Sr., No. 52; George L. Taylor, No. 59; H. Baugh, No. 67; W. G. Bambrey, No. 71; A. R. Potter, No. 72; George S. Mustin, No. 91; W. S. Stokely, No. 114; J. Q. Adams, No. 115; A. R. Foering, No. 121; P. Ketterlinus, No. 125; L. K. Bell, No. 126; J. L. Young, No. 130; G. Alkins, No. 131; R. P. King, No. 134; T. S. Woodbury, No. 155; D. Weatherly, Jr., No. 158; J. H. Boswell, No. 186; T. L. Simpson, No. 187; J. Dorlan, No. 211; D. Brittain, No. 230; G. K. Randall, No. 246; J. F. Neal, No. 271; S. P. Pedrick, No. 274; E. B. Davis, 289; Henry L. Sinexon, No. 295.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Richard Vaux, John U. Giller, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Edward Robins.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. William H. Adams, A. Bournonville, Robert Frazer, Samuel C. Perkins, J. Henry Brown.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Wm. C. Stevenson, George Thomson, Charles Frishmuth, James Dykes.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Bros. James Page, Henry M. Phillips, William Curtis, Charles L. Cornman, Joshua Spering.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Jas. Hutchinson, M. Richards Muckle, Theodore Colladay, John Bolt, H. C. Howell.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. N. B. Moseley, Lodge No. 2; Geo. Thomson, No. 3; James Kelly, No. 9; J. K. Murphy, No. 19; M. Bouvier, No. 51; J. Ferguson, No. 52; J. M. Davenport, No. 59; J. Wagner, No. 67; E. B. Schnider, No. 71; Abraham West, No. 72; R. B. Connelly, No. 91; Wm. P. Hamm, No. 114; J. Beenken, No. 115; R. H. Campbell, No. 121; John Batzig, No. 125; B. F. Jackson, No. 126; E. P. Lescure, No. 130; N. Penrose, No. 131; Alexander Murphy, No. 134; John Martin, No. 155; Francis Funk, No. 158; G. P. Little, No. 186; W. C. Parsons, No. 187; M. Cartwright, No. 211; E. C. Graeffe, No. 230; A. T. Jones, No. 246; A. Reinstein, No. 271; J. W. Horner, No. 274; G. Phillips, No. 289; W. E. Harpur, No. 295.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary appointed Brother James L. Taylor Deputy Grand Secretary; which met the unanimous approval of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Correspondence made its report, which was read and referred to the Committee of Publication, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Correspondence has received from the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, the printed proceedings of the following Right Worshipful Grand Lodges, viz.:

1. *Ohio.*—Columbus. Annual Communication, October 16, 1860.

2. *Canada.*—Four special Communications held at the cities of London, Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa; also at its Fifth Annual Communication held at the city of Ottawa, Canada West, 11th of July, 1860.

3. *Kansas.*—Atchison. Regular Communication, October 16, 1860.

4. *Mississippi.*—Vicksburg. Grand Annual Com., Jan. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1860.

5. *Virginia.*—Richmond. Grand Annual Com., Dec. 10, 1860.

6. *Illinois.*—Springfield. 20th Grand Annual Com., October, 1860.

7. *Minnesota.*—Saint Paul. 9th Grand Annual Com., October 23, 1860.

8. *Ter. Washington.*—Olympia. 3d Annual Com., Sept. 3 to 7. 1860.

9. *Arkansas.*—Little Rock. Annual Communication, Nov., 1860.

10. *Alabama.*—Montgomery. Annual Com., December 3, 1860.

11. *New Jersey.*—Trenton. 74th Annual Com., 16th and 17th Jan. 1861.

12. *New Hampshire.*—Concord. Special Com., Dec. 27th, 1859, and Annual Com., June 13, 1860.

13. *Massachusetts.*—Boston. 127th Anniversary, Mar. 14 to Dec. 27, 1860.

14. *North Carolina.*—Raleigh. 88th Annual Com., Dec., 1860.

15. *Michigan.*—Detroit. Annual Com., January, 1861.

16. *Maryland.*—Baltimore. Com., Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22, 1860.

17. *Vermont.*—Burlington. Annual Com., Jan. 9, 10, 11, 1861.

18. *Tennessee.*—Nashville. Annual Com., 1st Monday October, 1860.

19. *Georgia.*—Macon. Annual Com., October 31, 1860.

20. *District Columbia.*—Washington. Com., from Feb'y 11 to Dec. 27, 1860.

21. *Delaware.*—Wilmington. 54th Annual Com., June 27, 1860.

22. *Congres Maconnique Universel.*—Paris. Réuni, Juin 7 to 14, 1855.

23. *California.*—Sacramento. 12th Annual Com., May 14 to 18, 1861.

Constitution of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, adopted at the Annual Communication, June, 1860.

24. *Wisconsin.*—Milwaukee. 16th Annual Com., June 12, 1860.

25. *Indiana.*—Indianapolis. Annual Com., May 27, 1861.

26. *Wisconsin.*—Milwaukee. 17th Annual Com., June 11, 1861.

27. *Connecticut.*—Hartford. Annual Com., May 8 and 9, 1861.

28. *Rhode Island.*—Providence. 70th Annual Com., June 24, 1861.

29. *Maine.*—Portland. Annual Communication, May, 1861.

30. *Missouri.*—St. Louis. 41st Annual Com., May 27, 1861.

31. *New York.*—New York. Annual Com., June 4, 1861.

The pamphlets containing these Transactions, Proceedings, and Journals, as these are severally designated, comprise about five thousand printed pages. Much of this printed matter consists in mere tabular statements from subordinate Lodges, of their officers, members, locations, and such similar information as chiefly interests each jurisdiction. From the perusal of these transactions of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, your Committee is gratified to observe, that our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge continues to receive the respect and confidence of the Order, in other jurisdictions. Under the influence of that conservative progress which has ever marked her proceedings, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has advanced with the main body of Masonic duty, towards the goal of general usefulness. Neither dazzled by the brilliancy of light without knowledge, nor intimidated by the reproaches of zeal without faith, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, cheerful in charity, has made haste slowly on the road common to the Craft, which leads to the benefit of Masons, and of mankind. She envies none their swiftness, self-sufficiency, or proclaimed superiority. She has never taken example of the pharisee, rejoicing she was not as others are; but in the simplicity and solemnity of a discharge of imperious obligations, she greets all engaged in the same cause, with salutations, universally recognized by the brotherhood of our Craft. Now, as heretofore and always, she speaks to the brethren of the mystic tie, Craftsmen! God's speed, on your Masonic aims, God's blessing on your Masonic efforts. Let unity, peace and concord, cement us in the bonds of fraternal Masonic love, so that our only rivalry shall be, who is most devoted to the maintenance and support of the ancient landmarks, old principles, and approved teachings of Free Masonry. Within the last few years the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has devoted more careful attention to those proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been sent to her for examination and information. Believing yet, as she ever has believed, that it is no part of the duty, as it is not within the province of one Grand Lodge, to interfere with the business or Masonic policy of another Grand Lodge, her reticence on these subjects, was in conformity with her avowed opinion. She essayed to speak only by example. With regret, she found her position was intentionally or unintentionally misunderstood. She hoped the latter. Some Grand Lodges, profuse in prolixity as to their individual concerns, found even their own jurisdictions too limited for the display of this propensity for discussion. Not circumscribed to the consideration of questions of universal application to Masonry, or of principles identified with the Order and its organism, a far more congenial and less elevated purpose, in many instances, occupied their attention. It was feared, that ere long, the great contention between some of these Grand Lodges would be, which could print and publish the largest volume of annual Grand Lodge proceed-

ings. Because the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hesitated to follow some of these examples, doubting first, and then convinced by examination, that the advantage to the Craft was no longer questionable, she became the object of animadversion. She was criticised. Her motives impugned. Her Masonic position was being thus assailed. Grand Lodges which had adopted a similar course with that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, were yielding to the suggestions of those, which were thus uttering all their knowledge. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was unmoved only by sincere regret. She believed that a most mistaken view had been adopted as to duty and policy by these Right Worshipful Grand Jurisdictions. She feared these discussions would degenerate into disputes. She believed this desire to dispense opinions would lead to discord. She foresaw partisan combinations created among Grand Lodges on questions, which were in themselves innoxious. She regarded it as most probable, that misunderstandings between two Grand Lodges, easy of adjustment, if left to the true Masonic spirit of either or both, would be aggravated by this new-born disposition for voluntary and unnecessary disquisition. Such was the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. She formed it deliberately. It was the outgrowth of her conscientious conservatism. It violated no Masonic principle. It was neither disrespectful nor unkind to any sister Grand Lodge. She claimed the right so to think and thus to speak. Her duty demanded she should act up to its requirements. Conscious that her motives were pure, her object the best interests of the Craft, and that it was time she should express these views, she most respectfully presented them to the Masonic mind. Neither censure, caviling, criticism nor contumely disquieted her. She did her duty. That was her obligation to Masonry. Sovereign, she was self-reliant. She may have been mistaken in her views. In error, even. Her fears may have been groundless. Her belief heterodox. Her position retrogressive. This may all be. If so, demonstrate it. Nothing less than argument will be received as argument, should be received among the Masonic intelligencies. It will not avail to condemn the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania when you should convince her. How far she has been right is not left to conjecture. We need only point to the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania; Maine and England; Virginia; Canada; Vermont; Hamburgh; the National Masonic Congress; the Webb Monitor; Prestonian Ritual; Anderson Constitution; the Dermott and Entick publications; the innovations in the work; the numerous so-called Masonic manuals and other publications; the questions for qualification for membership; the various subjects of domestic regulation; the decisions of Grand Masters and Standing Committees on Masonic jurisprudence; the matters which arise on reports of Deputy Grand Masters or Committees on the relations between Subordinate and Grand Lodges. These, and the numerous other points of minor, certainly not absorbing Masonic con-

cernment, are now among the staple subjects for consideration, of some lectures, addresses, reports of Deputies, Subordinate, or Committees of Correspondence. True, very true, these may all be considered as important by other Grand Lodges. They may be essential, in their judgment, for the information of the Craft in those jurisdictions. The incaution with which, in some instances, these subjects are treated, may be harmless. The spirit of antagonism which ever and anon is discovered in these controversial compositions, may be interpreted as earnest effort for Masonic usefulness. This may be so. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania does not adopt these latter views. Without any other feeling than that of entire respect, charity, and brotherly love for every Free Mason in all Masonic jurisdictions, but in the integrity of honest opinion, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania unostentatiously gives expression to her opinion. It is hoped it will be regarded only as the uncontrolled judgment of a sovereign member of the confraternity of Grand Lodges of the Craft. It is offered in the most kindly regard for all who may disagree with it. All that is invoked for it, is that the right to hold or express these opinions by a Grand Lodge of Free Masons, shall be respected. The conservative progress which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania professes to sustain, and cordially approves, impels her to take a more active interest in this subject, and its general relations to Free Masonry. She points with a just pride to her course during the past few years. She has endeavored to discuss only such questions as vitally concern the stability and peculiar character of the Order. She has cautiously refrained from any interference with the domestic affairs of any Grand Lodge. She has avoided all entangling connection with difficulties or disputes between Grand Lodges. Whenever a great question of Masonic sovereignty, integrity, or jurisdiction, has been involved in such difficulties, on their discussion; the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has contented itself with expressing her Masonic opinion on so important a subject—important to every Grand Lodge. If in any of the published proceedings of a Grand Lodge, the landmarks, the rights, principles, or the traditionary teachings of the Craft have been directly or indirectly involved, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has uttered a voice of warning. She has done this in charity, but with firmness. We appeal to the record; look and see. Whenever innovations by incaution have been knocking at the door of the temple, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has, in brotherly love, given the alarm. She did it neither reproachfully nor reprovingly. Whenever unlicensed or unauthorized publications appeared in the Masonic world, she intimated their want of official recognition by the Craft, was no warrant or merit thus to give them credit. If even a *quasi* endorsement accompanied them, she bespoke for their worth or value the severe criticism of the stringent principles of the Order. This was her paramount obligation to the traditions from the fathers. For this we appeal to

the record; look and see. This recapitulation is a necessity. Its purpose is to preclude premeditated prejudice. We have "a reason for the hope that is in us." Thus prefatory your Committee felt to be incumbent upon it. Now concluding this subject, it is to be hoped, that the position, opinions, and policy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, will no longer continue to be cause for anxiety to any of her sister Grand Lodges. Since our last report, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada has transmitted to us, the proceedings of her Fifth Annual Communication, together with those of four special communications. We have carefully examined these proceedings. We now repeat, all that we have heretofore remarked on the question of the sovereign jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, and the opinion expressed in regard to the conflict of jurisdiction between the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of England. These pre-expressed opinions we now refer to, only, that the Masonic principles we endeavored therein to maintain, may not be lost sight of in our present view of the subject. A Grand Lodge cannot be entitled to recognition as a Masonic sovereignty, until her Masonic authority is supreme over her territorial limits. The evidence of such supreme undisputed right, is to be found as any like fact. There cannot be two kinds of proof, a greater or lesser degree of proof. The fact must be undenied. No hypothesis will be permitted to sustain a deduction, or nurture an induction equivalent to such fact, or to be substituted for it. It is, or it is not. There must be a common, universally acknowledged standard by which to try the elementary ingredients constituting the fact, and hence the fact itself. The principle involved is vital to Masonry. It is fundamental. It is the inner life of Masonic existence. How then can there be a difference of opinion as to the existence and reality of such a fact. Until it exists, there can be no such Masonic organization as can only rest on such a basis. This fact and this organization co-exist. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania could not recognize the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada, so long as there was an open, notorious, admitted conflict, between so-called Grand Lodges in the territory of Canada, [east and west under the one term.] While both claimed obedience and allegiance from subordinate Lodges neither was supreme nor sovereign. Your Committee felt it was best to wait quietly until the brethren in Canada settled their own domestic grievances or differences, and not prolong or postpone such adjustment by strengthening either by becoming partisans in the controversy. We so advised the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. She approved the recommendation. Precisely as your Committee intimated, the brethren in Canada, competent and anxious to attend to their own business, succeeded. Your Committee find by the address of Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother William Mercer Wilson, delivered to the Grand Lodge of Canada, on his Installation, that he proclaims the fact, "that during the

year that has now passed away, nothing has occurred, either to mar our harmony or to interrupt our peaceful progress. I am sure that I but express the feelings common to every member of this Grand body, when I say that to God, and to Him alone, are we indebted for the peace, happiness, and prosperity, which has thus far attended our efforts and blessed our labors; with grateful hearts and due solemnity, we would therefore earnestly entreat our common Father to continue His protection, blessing and guidance." * * * "I must therefore, only say, that I have reason to believe, that the Canadian Craft was never in a more prosperous or happy condition than it now is." * * * "Honored abroad, advancing at home, free from all disturbing or counteracting influences, the sheen of its glory undimmed by any cloud of discord, it is surely the time to remember those who are called to suffer, to wipe tears from sorrowing eyes, and to shed the beams of hope on despairing hearts, to raise a monument of our gratitude, and to devote it to God and to distressed brethren." This is the true spirit of Masonry. Language could not more unmistakably proclaim a united brotherhood, a peaceful fraternity, an undisturbed harmony, a Supreme Grand Lodge. Taking then, this broad and unqualified announcement of the fact, that no "disturbing of counteracting influences" exist in the Grand Lodge of Canada, to "mar our harmony" or "interrupt our peaceful progress," the fact exists that its Masonic and geographical jurisdictions are co-extensive and co-existing. This, thus asserted fact, is undenied. We rejoice that it is so. We rejoice that the Craft in Canada have settled their differences without recourse to any proffered unasked assistance. We joyfully and sincerely welcome them into the sisterhood of supreme Masonic sovereignties. Finally, we most respectfully suggest to them to forget the things that are behind, and press forward with steady and cautious steps, sustaining the landmarks, adhering to ancient principles, guarding the traditions, repelling minor innovations, and teaching Masonic truth by the unmistakable light of true Masonic knowledge. The transactions of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York have received the attention of your Committee. Our sister Grand Lodge is in communication with nearly the whole Masonic world, as appears from the published reports of its Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and its other official subordinates. She professes to hold high the Masonic standard, both in principle and practice, and to teach true Masonry. Her jurisprudence, her policy, her interpretations of landmarks, her example, and her opinions, are presented as the type of Free Masonry in America. The basis of this position is doubtless formed by her geographical location, her large jurisdiction, her representative system, her numerous constituency, and the activity which marks all her proceedings, in a Grand Lodge capacity. We admit the force of these causes. We grant them influence. We notice their effects. In the spirit of charity, brotherly love, and

fraternal co-relation we speak—in that only. It is nevertheless a duty we owe Free Masonry, to make a few general remarks in relation thereto. Important Masonic subjects. Such we regard as the common property of the Craft. Such only. A large number of constituents—the increase of, or the numerical force of Subordinate Lodges—legislative activity or its profusion—accumulation in jurisprudence—a pervading purpose to enlighten the uninitiated by published papers on subjects that should and can only belong to a restricted communion—though the natural consequences of great zeal are not, in the opinion of your Committee, the highest or best evidence of a healthful condition of the Craft. By your fruits they shall know you. The tree which putteth forth the most leaves, does not always yield the most fruit. Take these remarks not unkindly, brethren. They are not written in any such spirit. The wisest of mankind were not unwilling to worship before the eloquence of Silence. If these words tend, as they are intended, to invite a close self-examination of all our grand representative bodies, in order that the least, as well as the most hurtful influences, growing out of want of careful circumspection, may be prevented; then all true Masons will frankly and freely admit they were spoken in season. Self-examination into both our motives and actions, and their consequences, is eminently, pre-eminently, a Masonic duty. We speak only for this duty. We invoke its efficacy. We rest our justification on the necessity for its performance. We take leave, most respectfully, to suggest, that a system of permanent Grand Representation between any of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of the United States and the various Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of Europe, may be of doubtful propriety. Of this system itself we are by no means an advocate. Representation of one Grand Lodge to another, in special cases and for particular purposes, is no doubt Masonic and beneficial. Then the object to be attained is special. The duty circumscribed. The responsibility fixed. The action of the Craft in either jurisdiction, on the results reported, direct, and it may be either remedial, approbatory, or condemnatory. In such cases we believe good may be produced. But a representation without object or purpose, only to co-relate jurisdictions, to mark Masonic respect, to indicate friendly relations between Grand Lodges, is not essential to Masonic interests, to say the least of it. These remarks apply as between Grand Lodges of the United States and those of Europe. When we consider the difference, the vast difference between the organization, the polity, the regulations, the existence or permission to exist, the circumstances and surroundings of the Grand Lodges of Europe, as contradistinguished from those of the United States—we gravely doubt if the system be adopted by our sister Grand Lodges of the United States, of representation to and from Grand Lodges in Europe, is not a subject for serious consideration by the Masonic brotherhood. We remark, that of the system only we speak. Over and

over again have we, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, denied that any right exists in any sister Grand Lodge to interfere with the domestic concerns of a Grand Lodge. We do not now touch on this forbidden subject. We confine ourselves within the rule, which we insist shall govern all Grand Lodges, not to meddle with the individual business of sovereign Grand Lodges. The system to which we now call attention is a question of general concernment to the Craft in the United States. There is probably one or two Right Worshipful Grand Lodges in the United States which accredit and receive grand representatives from, and to, Right Worshipful Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe. So far as this action of theirs can be made a Masonic precedent for the Craft in the United States, it may be said to be so considered. Our sister Grand Lodges have acted on their own judgment, in the premises, and their action, in its influence on Masonry generally in the United States, is a just and proper subject for consideration, by those who may not be satisfied the system is the best, especially as it indirectly affects those interests which are the common charge of the Craft. The question of "Colored Lodges;" the exercise of the claimed right, by European Grand Lodges, to grant charters to Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in the United States; and the intermixed relations between the foreign Grand Lodges and those of the United States on our boundary line which divides these nations, are becoming of serious import. As to the first two subjects of the above enumeration, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has spoken too plainly and decidedly to be misunderstood. She has an interest in both questions, because they each concern the sovereign rights, dignity, and stability of all Masonic supreme jurisdictions. If these, and like important interests, are to be left to the action of grand representatives, between Grand Lodges who are parties to a dispute in which these interests are involved, then the principles which underlie them are involved also in the controversy. The principles are common to the whole Craft. The Craft has a positive, a major right, to see the principles maintained, over the minor consequences of the settlement of a controversy between the parties to it. If, we say, these questions, and their important relations to every Grand Lodge in the United States, are to be solely intrusted to a Grand Lodge representative, the Craft should most respectfully inquire if such an agent is fully equal to the task. In a like spirit, may we not suggest, that as all the Grand Lodges are involved indirectly, they should be permitted to indicate the character and qualifications of such an agent. *Not to dictate who he shall be but rather to describe what he ought to be.* To illustrate our views, we remark, that such a Grand Lodge representative should have served well and faithfully in all stations in a Subordinate Lodge of the United States Grand Lodge which accredits him. His Masonic knowledge and learning, legislative experience, discretion, and judgment, should have been

gained by long service in a United States Grand Lodge. He should be thoroughly imbued with the principles on which our National and Masonic government rests. He should be well informed as to the policy and interests of the Masonic brotherhood of the Grand Lodges of all the States in the Union. He should be keenly alive to the sensitiveness which marks the Craft in the United States, when any unmasonic effort is made to interfere with the rights, privileges, dignity, integrity, stability, or harmony of any Grand Lodge jurisdiction. He should be the representative of all and each of these inherent Masonic attributes of the Craft in the United States, as well as the chosen delegate from any particular Grand Lodge.

It seems to us, that these are the admitted, most necessary qualifications for such a responsible position as a Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Representative, from a United States Grand Lodge, to one in any other nation. We believe this Masonic opinion will be unanimous. It is not to be understood, nor can it be construed to mean, by these remarks, that we criticise any Grand Representative now holding such appointment. Let it be clearly stated that we do not know any such brother. Have no Masonic or other information in regard to any such. All we remark is impersonal as to any delegate or representative. The system, as we notice it, is faulty, because of its constituting such representatives as a permanent appointment. Being thus liable to objection, it becomes the more so if such representative does not come up to the standard suggested. A decree of qualification which, we respectfully submit, every Grand Lodge in the United States will agree is to be sought, in the selection and commission of so important a Masonic officer. We feel it proper here to repeat what we said on this point in our last annual report to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: "Among the 'printed publications' in possession of this Committee, is one entitled, 'Documents Respecting the Controversy between the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and New York, published by the Masonic Historical Society of Brooklyn.' It seems proper, without any discussion of the questions involved, to notice this publication. The origin of this 'controversy' appears to have arisen out of the custom of appointing Grand Lodge representatives from one foreign Grand Lodge to another. A species of resident diplomatic Masonic agents, who are accredited by and between Grand Masonic bodies on the continent of Europe. Such officers are of probably modern creation. We are not aware of any sanction in ancient Masonry for their existence. They are created for a different object than that which justifies the appointment of representatives between the sister Grand Lodges of the United States. Having nothing to do, they must do something. As 'Masonic publications' and 'printed papers' may be ephemeral for good, and yet can be lasting for evil, a correspondence is entered into between principal and agent on some Masonic subject arising out of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to which such agent is accredited. These Masonic representa-

tives 'catch the infection,' in the language of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of New York, from ministers plenipotentiary between foreign governments, and compose dissertations on Masonic subjects. Thus difficulties may occur where else they might have been avoided." After a careful examination of so much of the proceedings of our Right Worshipful Sister Grand Lodges on the subject of "Colored Lodges," and the action of some of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of Europe in regard to it, there is a fear on our mind, that the Masonic opinion held by the Grand Lodges of the United States thereto, may not have been strongly and clearly laid before those jurisdictions. The argument on this question is plain and conclusive. Each Grand Lodge in the United States is a sovereign and supreme jurisdiction. No subordinate lodge of free Masons can regularly exist in any such jurisdiction, without its rights, privileges and powers are directly derived from such supreme sovereign authority. If any such lodge claims to exist and work, it is not recognized as a lodge of free Masons—hence it is irregular or clandestine. No other Masonic authority than that of the jurisdiction can grant a right for such a lodge. No Grand Lodge in the United States has ever granted a charter to a "colored lodge" of free Masons. Then colored lodges are not recognized, and are either irregular or clandestine. As these "colored lodges" claiming to exist in the United States are not recognized by any Grand Lodge of the United States, they cannot be Masonically recognized anywhere. The principle is too plain to admit of controversy. If the Grand Lodges of the United States are supreme in their several jurisdictions, they are severally the highest Masonic authority known to such jurisdiction. If they are the highest and best authority, there is not a forum, which can claim an appellate power to review or overrule their decisions. Their decision on any question which they have the sole right and power to decide, is absolute and steadfast. Then, if each Grand Lodge in the United States decides that "Colored Lodges" are not recognizable as Masonic institutions within their jurisdiction, it is neither competent nor Masonic for any foreign Grand Lodge to set aside such decision. To do so would disturb the harmony, destroy the sovereignty, impair the dignity, usurp the rights and powers, and subordinate a Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the United States to such foreign Grand Lodge. It would do more. It would cause its constituents to depend on any other authority but its own. The proposition thus stated is unanswerable. Thus the question stands in the opinion of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It cannot be made to yield to any other than indisputable Masonic principle. No other elements must be permitted to enter into the discussion. Masonry knows Masonic principles, landmarks, rights, privileges and objects only. What is not of Free Masonry, is not within the power of Masonic action. Other questions may knock at the West door, but they ought not, cannot, will never, be allowed to enter into a Temple, dedicated to Free Masonry—never. It needs no words of explanation to show that

the above remarks are impersonal to either Grand Lodges or their representatives. It needs no words of justification for these remarks themselves. The most sensitive Grand Lodge cannot object to the expression of the views these remarks contain. It is self-evident that the Craft in the United States has a direct interest in the question. It is an important one. The case of New York or Ohio, Maine or Maryland to-day, may be that of Pennsylvania to-morrow. We are not willing to be concluded in any precedent by a silent recognition of it. While it is the case of any one Grand Lodge, and it is brought to our knowledge by the act of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge transmitting the official record of her action, we ask most Masonically to be permitted to say a word in regard to the principle involved. It may be the question of so-called "Colored Lodges" now,—may it not be a question as to Lodges of others, either of nationalities, or denizens, or inhabitants in the future. This latter case has arisen in New York already? The Pythagoras Lodge, and one other we believe, is now claiming to work within the jurisdiction of New York under a charter granted by a foreign Grand Lodge. It is not a question of color, it is one of Masonic sovereignty. Let us meet it at once,—firmly and in the true Masonic spirit. We deny the right,—we refuse recognition,—we resist the usurpation thus attempted by any foreign Grand Lodge within our jurisdiction. It cannot be permitted,—it will not be tolerated; we feel sure if any of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of Europe, or elsewhere, of the Craft of Free Masons, are made clearly to understand the views, opinions, and determinations of all the Grand Lodges of the United States on this subject, made so to understand it from those who are regarded as true representatives of these opinions and determinations, sent to them for this special purpose, no such foreign Grand Lodge will persist in so unfriendly and un-Masonic a course of unnecessary action. We wish the kindest and most fraternal feelings to exist among us of the Order, round the world. Let us be firm, but fraternal. Let us be modest, but Masonic. Let us be conciliatory and cordial, but candid and concise in our language to all Grand Lodges, on this vital Masonic principle. In the bonds of true Masonic love and fellowship and fraternal feeling, we ask the Right Worthy Grand Lodges of the United States to reflect on these words. To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York we appeal, to consider these thoughts in the spirit that caused them. She speaks with effect. We know the able and distinguished brother who is the Right Worshipful Grand Master of that jurisdiction will justly appreciate our motive. His Masonic mind will be attracted by the object, without seeking to find defects in the mode of calling notice to it. So let it be with all the brethren. We have said all that it now appears necessary to us on the two subjects to which our remarks apply. We have only left of the already mentioned enumeration, the last question, which refers to an apparent conflict of jurisdictions between Grand Lodges on the border line, demarking the State Lodges of the United States,

from foreign nationalities. We admit at the onset of its consideration, that it is one of somewhat embarrassing character. A Lodge is an organized subordinate union of Free Masons A Free Mason is a member of the Craft universal. His relations to a Lodge are special and transitory, that to the brotherhood strict and eternal. He owes indefeasible fealty to the mysteries. He owes nothing to a Lodge when he ceases to be a member of it. The right of a Lodge to make a Free Mason is inherent. Its power to do so co-exists with its organization. This right and this power are circumscribed only as to qualification of applicants, not to individuals. A Lodge in Russia has the authority to make a Mexican a Mason if he has the necessary pre-requisites. Once in the Order, he is everywhere recognized where the Order is to be found. The brotherhood of Masons embraces subjects and citizens of all nations. The language is understood and spoken by all peoples. Nationalities are as nothing, in the commonwealth of the Craft. A chief of the Cherokees or the Chippewas, stand on the same level in Masonry, with a president, a king, an emperor, or a czar. A Grand Lodge is the supreme sovereign authority over the geographical territory, and the Lodges located in that territory, which is bounded by the limits of its jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of France is the sovereign Masonic power over the empire of France. The Grand Lodge of New York is the supreme Masonic power over the State of New York. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is the supreme Masonic authority over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. An individual in the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, and within the restricted limits of a subordinate Lodge of that State, can be made a Mason in such Lodge, if he has the necessary and essential prerequisites to admission into the Order of Free Masons. There is neither a Masonic law nor landmark to forbid it. Abstractly this is so. In the absence of either law or landmark to prevent a Lodge from action in the premises, there is, however, a spirit of comity—friendship, brotherly kindness, and respect of the organizations of the Craft, which rises to the dignity of a rule of action, unfavorable to such action, without great care, caution, or deliberation. General consent has elevated into the position and character of a principle, the rule, that the local jurisdiction has the primary claim to confer the rights and benefits of Free Masonry on applicants, where residence is within its limits. Out of this rule, grows an off-shoot to cover its exceptions. If such applicant, for reasons of which he is the exclusive judge, prefers to leave his residence, and asks a Lodge located elsewhere, to confer on him these Masonic benefits, then the Lodge of his residence should be informed of such application by the one to which it is made. We admit, that these rules, are existing only by comity or consent. The best interests of the Order seem to require a line of action to be adopted on the subject. It is not possible to establish by Masonic authority, obligatory legislation, to govern Lodges on this question. Such legislation would fall harmless before a landmark. A Lodge is

potent to do that which it was organized to do. To confer the benefits of Masonry is an inherent right of a Lodge. This is a landmark. A law which should forbid a Lodge to act in obedience to a power and right, created by a landmark, is void. The rule, therefore, must obtain its controlling force only from general consent. This necessity for the rule is growing yearly more patent. Those Lodges which see this necessity, have seen it, will see it, by common consent adopt this rule. Thus the evils are obviated, which the rule is intended to avoid. The effect and applicability of this course of Masonic action between Lodges under any one Grand Lodge is easily transferred to Grand Lodges themselves, whose limits are fixed and divided by a geographical line. Comity and consent will justify the adoption of this rule of action, and thereby it will have effectively the force of a law. We invite most fraternally the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of the United States to consider the propriety of uniting in expression of satisfaction with this view of the subject. As to the capacities of Grand Lodges, some doubt may exist. Without tracing back into the remotest regions of tradition, the growth of our present Grand Lodge system, we can rest it on the history of Masonry for the last thousand years. Since A. D. 926, a convocation of the Craft within a certain acknowledged geographical or territorial limit—of all the Craft—constituted the supreme Masonic authority of that jurisdiction. This may be said to be the practical result from the earliest, if not the first of such assemblages of Masons. Whatever of capacity a Grand Lodge now possesses came practically from that epoch. It was then, now, and must be a Masonic necessity. It contravenes no Masonic landmark. It is in harmony with Masonic idea, institution, aim, purpose, and labors. If then a Grand Lodge is the creature of all the Craft, its capacities are coextensive with Masonic power. It has no authority but that derived from the principles and brotherhood of Free Masons. It is a derived, not an original power. It exists because the Craft create it. The Craft is not created by it. The limits of each jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge are artificial. There is no Masonic tribunal to define them. Natural, geographical, or political lines, separating peoples, nations, or countries, have been used as the simplest boundaries of the Grand Lodge of the Craft. Masonry is as universal as light or thought. Neither can be circumscribed within limits established by themselves. So with Free Masonry. A separate authority in the universal family of Free Masonry, therefore, must be set up by other means than the united consent of this universal Order. As artificial, contradistinguished from Masonic bounds, are put to any Grand Lodge jurisdiction, so much artificial reasons as distinguished from Masonic landmarks, regulate the comity and consideration which one Grand Lodge authority should exercise towards another Grand Lodge authority, in conferring the right and privileges of the Order. From the examination of the proceedings of some of the Grand Lodges under review, it is but too apparent, that innovations and novelties are gradually

creeping into our beloved Order. A desire for change, a morbid anxiety for exciting novelties in the work or established proceedings of the Fraternity,—a wish to make the age-grown forms attractive to the young eye of superficial observation,—are gaining a living existence in some jurisdictions. These are foes to Free Masonry. They are of the most pernicious influence. They are secret agencies for evil. They are speculative intrusions, tending to weaken and destroy the landmarks. We cannot be silent when we observe the efforts that are thus making to loosen the foundations of Free Masonry. In the language of a stern sentinel, standing steadfast to his duty, we cry, "Who goes there?" Unless the answer comes in the traditionary tongue of Ancient York Free Masonry, "A brother, clothed in the vesture of the Craft, unchanged in form or fashion, but as our fathers wore it," we must challenge the stranger. It may be a most disagreeable duty, but it is a duty. This nerves us to action, justifies it, sanctions it, ennobles it. In the performance, then, of the obligation resting upon us, we warn the Craft against insidious innovations and neoteric nescience. Harmless it may be by intention, but hurtful in their effects, they are neither to be tolerated nor trifled with. Let us invite close scrutiny, constant care, ceaseless circumspection over the labors of the Fraternity. Let us guard with stern fidelity the avenues through which these evils may seek to enter the temple. Above all, let us have the highest virtue of true men,—courage to speak,—when these evils present themselves, though attended by a retinue of either powerful or attractive surroundings. While we are thus speaking, let us in all kindness say a word against any individual or combination of individuals, members of the Order, using their relations to the Craft for purposes or objects which are aside from the cardinal principles of Free Masonry. Our time-honored institution is devoted to charity, love, fraternity, kindness, care, alleviation and guardianship of the brotherhood. These are universal in their application. Among the first influences which the Order exerts on its members is the sacrifice of self for the benefit of all. Selfishness, gain, "unworthy motives," are denied communion with the virtues inculcated among Masons. To deny them admission into the temple, and permit them existence afterwards, is a contradiction too apparent to be justified. When, therefore, plans, propositions, projects, or purposes are attempted to be organized or instituted among the Craftsmen, we would do well to examine into the motives which underlie them. If these cannot be squared by the true standard of Free-masonry, if any element is found to exist which is not freed from all contaminating connection with sordidness, selfishness,—if the sibilation which shows the stranger is lisped in their effort to pass this scrutiny—then disfavor, discourage, and disallow them. Again we have to invoke that cool courage which is required to perform a duty. However distasteful the task may be, yet the claim upon us to hold our heritage harmless against influences foreign to its origin, is too stringent to be resisted. The

subject of the relations between non-affiliated Masons and the authority of the Craft is yearly assuming a significant importance. The number of these brethren is increasing. There may be a difference between the principles and the policy which regulates their rights, duties, and privileges. On questions such as this, fully to understand them, it is always safest to go down to the foundation on which they rest. Treating them deductively or inductively may give diverging conclusions. The former is the safer mode of reasoning the principle to its conclusion—at least it may be so on this subject. There can be no Ancient York Free and Accepted Masons without the formulas ordained. These are but the bodies in which a living eternal spirit exists. This spirit is the essential elementary principle of the Order. To obtain by these forms, a participation in the spirit which gives them their existence, a moral pre-requisite is necessary. The test of its possession is applied, and thus made to manifest itself at times when all who are witnesses must be satisfied. On this moral basis rest all those obligations and ties, which are indestructible in their very nature. Their character is hidden under no guise. Their essential elements and purposes are neither presented nor comprehended with any mental reservation as to the full scope of their requirements. Standing steadfast on this foundation, like a pillar on a rock, is the pre-eminent duty of each member of the Order everywhere, under all circumstances. The work is not tried, trusty, and perfect, if it leaves a doubt as to its completeness on a single point. Leveled and squared and plumb, its foundation and superstructure are solid, secure, and stable. Free Masonry and Symbolic Masonry are thus the substance and the shadow. A Brother thus united with the Order, can never sever his relations to it. These relations are co-extensive with moral and intellectual consciousness. They are created and governed by the mysteries of the mind's conjoined action with the soul of man. The outward relations between a member and a Lodge of Free Masons, are ephemeral, transitory. It is as competent for a member to leave an organization of Masons, as any other society, so far as his outward membership is concerned. But can a Free Mason do so with the same impunity? Can he consistently so act unless under circumstances of overruling necessity? Of this he alone is the judge. On him alone rests the responsibility. That responsibility is ceaseless. Thus, then, on principle no Free Mason can be non-affiliated. Practically he may be, by his own act only. If by his own act, his duties and obligations are not in abeyance. They are living witnesses to his antecedents, deathless monitors to his future course. The policy which is to govern or regulate the action of a Lodge to non-affiliated Masons, is a minor question. It must rest on peculiar circumstances. Probably each case must rest on its own character. We do not pretend to prescribe any rule in the premises, or even suggest one as free from exceptions. It would seem, that if Brethren voluntarily disconnect themselves from these obligations, they owe their lodge, the lesser Masonic duties of the lodge to them,

are thus postponed, if not forfeited. As to the highest and greatest of both, there can be no doubt. Those rights and privileges are eternal. Much has been written of this subject, and we have here attempted to treat it, as we think, it can only be considered. At another time, if necessary, we may recur to it, as it presents itself as a practical question for Masonic legislation. We confess, in conclusion, that non-affiliation in Masonry can be regarded unmasonic, in opposition to the teachings of the Order, at variance with its best interests, and should be discouraged. The present condition of our country awakens in the minds of all regular and true Free Masons no common anxiety. The precepts and principles of our Order are for all time, all peoples, every condition of social or political institutions, and any positive or relative relations which can exist among men or commonwealths. Founded on the highest standard of human development, Masonry neither mixes nor mingles with political struggles, strifes, or schemes. The conflicts for worldly power, or sectarian predominance, gather strength and waste their substance below the pinnacle of our Temple; as clouds gather darkness, end in storms, and disappear, beneath the mountain peak, lighted by continual sunshine. Yet Masons are men. They have all the attributes of human nature. Love of country is the normal condition of their patriotism. Their right and ability to form opinions on their country's interests and happiness, and express their convictions as to principles and policy which regulate both, are not denied by any teachings of Masonry. These lessons, sanctioned and solemnized by the experience of ages, caution the Craft against any participation, as members of the fraternity, in any such action. It teaches in public affairs, principles of the purest patriotism, the truest loyalty, and the wisest prudence. Masonry speaks on this subject in the most unmistakable language. Those who have gone before us, those who "have done in all ages before you" have set us an example and given us a precept. We can add nothing to the wisdom of the wise. Let us be satisfied with what has been handed down for our instruction. Our Ahiman Rezon contains the following rule and guide for us, as for our fathers. In the darkness of the storm, in the roar of the tempest, in the lurid glare of the fire, in the uncertainty and fear of the earthquake in public affairs, let us as Masons retire into our Temple and consider the duties Masonry enjoins upon us. "In the State, a Mason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful subject, conforming cheerfully to the government under which he lives." He is also "to be a peaceable citizen and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside." He promises "not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature. He agrees to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate." Plain duties, concise conservatism, discreet deportment. Liberty loyal, freedom without fetter. Thus masonry is segregated, *sui generis*, and disconnected from all contaminating social or political

influences. These opinions actuated your committee, when the following communication from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee was sent to it for consideration We ask leave to introduce both the letter received, and the reply then made to it.

GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

NASHVILLE, May, 1861.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: In addressing you this communication, we are sure no apology need be offered. The unhappy circumstances under which our country is now laboring are such as to arouse the deepest feeling of every heart. But recently occupying a position of proud pre-eminence among the Nations of the earth—the hope of the lovers of civil and religious freedom—we find her now apparently upon the verge of a conflict of arms, that unless speedily arrested will form a dark and bloody epoch in the history of the human race. From the contemplation of the horrible spectacle of State arrayed against State, friend against friend, and even brother against brother, we shudderingly look around for some means of escape from the dire calamity that seems so certainly impending over us as a people. With deep mortification, and sorrow, and dread, we look into the dark gulf of human passion, we see its billows heaving with fearful excitement, and, horrified by the sight, we instinctively raise our feeble arms and in hopelessness of spirit, exclaim, *Great God, is there no help in this time of need? Who may stay the wrath of the whirlwind?* For the causes that have led to the unparalleled spectacle now presented to the world, it is no province of ours to inquire. That wrongs have been committed by both parties to the dreadful combat that seems to be so rapidly approaching, we are not called upon to admit or to deny. The causes and the wrongs will be fully judged by the future historian, and when this page of impartial history is written—the dark record of a nation torn by contending factions—rent asunder by animosities engendered by fierce conflicts and the rage of battle—precious lives destroyed, with ruined cities and devastated firesides—tears of bitter anguish will fall upon the leaf of a nation's disgrace, and if possible blot it out forever. While it is no part of our duty to investigate the causes that have produced the present state of antagonism in political affairs, neither is it our province to suggest a remedy. But as Masons—as members of a common brotherhood—as brethren bound together by fraternal ties that are not broken save by the hand of death, we can safely appeal for a cessation of the unnatural strife that is no raging around us, and whose surging billows threaten to overwhelm all in a common destruction. We therefore confidently appeal to the five hundred thousand Masons of our land to step forward, and pouring the oil of peace upon the troubled waters of civil war, roll back the raging tide, and in one united demand make their voices heard in arresting the terrible havocs of fraternal strife. Is it possible, that in this enlightened age—this age of Christian progress, of advancement in all the arts

and sciences of civilized life—there are none to step forward whose voices shall be sufficiently potent to stay the madness of the hour, and *compel* a peaceful solution of the issues now presented for the consideration of a people whose freedom has been the pride and boast of an admiring world? Shall the alternative be presented, of section arrayed against section—shall we be compelled, both North and South, to listen to the tread of armed legions, whose swords are even now ready to leap from their scabbards for the purpose of being bathed in the blood of those who should, by every tie of interest and consanguinity, be linked together in bonds stronger than those forged of brass and steel? And when the contest is ended—as end it must—what will be gained by the victors? What mind will be able to count the cost of thousands upon thousands of precious lives sacrificed in the horrible contest, the cries of widows and orphans rising night and morn to Heaven—mothers weeping in bitter anguish over the dead bodies of loved ones laid in the dust by the hands of a merciless destroyer—blackened ruins of once happy homes—devastated fields, where once peace smiled upon the industrious husbandman—the helplessness of childhood even affording no barriers to the destructive march of contending armies. And then, end as it may, the victory will be attained at a sacrifice of human life that will cause the stoutest heart to tremble in deepest anguish. Let the battle once commence, and who may live to see its termination? Considering all these things—the blessings of peace, and the horrors of domestic war—is there no appeal that can be effectual for peace? Will you not add your earnest efforts for a peaceful solution and settlement of all the questions now agitating the minds of the people of every section? We appeal to you, and through you to the thousands of Masons in your jurisdiction, to stop the effusion of blood while yet they may. We make no suggestions as to how this shall be accomplished. As Masons we made no decision as to who is right or wrong, or as to the proper course to be pursued for securing the object we have so deeply at heart. Restore peace to our unhappy country, and surely Heaven will bless every faithful effort towards its accomplishment. But if all efforts fail—if every appeal for peace shall be thrust aside—if the sword must still be the last resort, and accepted as the final arbiter—we beseech the brethren engaged in the awful contest to remember that a fallen foe is still a brother, and as such is entitled to warmest sympathies and kindliest attentions. If war cannot be averted or turned aside, let every brother use his utmost endeavors, and, as far as lies in his power, rob it of some of its horrors. While each is true to his sense of public and patriotic duty, on which ever side he may be arrayed, we earnestly urge that he shall also be true to those high and holy teachings inculcated by our Order. Praying that God, in his infinite mercy, may yet incline the hearts of His people to ways of peace and paths of pleasantness, and that he may dissipate and disperse the storm-cloud of destruction which seem to

hang so fearfully above us, we subscribe ourselves, faithfully and fraternally, in the bonds of Masonry.

JAMES MCCALLUM, K. T., M. W. Grand Master of Grand Lodge.
JOHN F. SLOVER, R. W. Deputy G. Master of Grand Lodge.
LUCIUS J. POLK, K. T., R. E. Grand Commander of Grand Commandery.
THOMAS MCCULLOUGH, K. T., P. G. Master of Grand Lodge.
ARCHELAUS M. HUGHES, K. T., P. G. Master of Grand Lodge., P. G. H. Priest of Grand Chapter.
CHARLES A. FULLER, K. T., 32°, P. G. Master of Grand Lodge, P. G. H. Priest of Grand Chapter, P. G. Commander of Grand Commandery.
JOHN MCCLELLAND, K. T., 32°, W. Master of Cumberland Lodge, No. 8.

REPLY OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ANCIENT YORK MASONS TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, A. Y. MASONS.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee:

Your circular letter of last month, addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was received and read at a Quarterly Communication of that body, held at Philadelphia on the third of the present month, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence. On behalf of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we are entrusted with the duty of considering and answering it. Brethren: Masonry is as old as government. It constitutes a government in itself. Its origin, principles, organization and administration are to be found in loyalty, obedience, hope, charity, and love. It is operative everywhere, because its foundation can be laid among mankind wherever mankind exist. Resistance to, or disobedience of, any of these principles is not permitted in Masonic sovereignty. Masonry could not exist a moment, it would not have lived longer than languages, races, and empires, if it had tolerated insubordination or rebellion against its authority. Masonry teaches lessons for all peoples, and all times, and all epochs in history, past or future. Every Masonic principle, all its virtues, each of its benefits, have been sanctified by time. They have been ripened into good fruits by the aid, approbation and support of the wise, virtuous and patriotic of every commonwealth. Masonry is a sovereignty and a law unto itself. Wherever existing, it is occupied with the permanence, universality, and integrity of its own organic laws and usages. It has excluded all, but its own members, from participation in its affairs. It knows nothing but the principles and teachings of its faith. Masonry has relations only with such as are bound together by the ties of its brotherhood. It regards the rise and fall of empires, the disturbances in states, the wars of contending nations, and rebellions and revolutions in commonwealths or among peoples, as calamities arising from causes to which Masonry is a stranger. The proud position of the

brotherhood is to stand aloof from such evils, without partiality and without participation. The mission of Masonry is not either imperiled or hindered by such conditions of society. The claims of a brother are not dissolved by war, pestilence or famine; the tie, once formed, is only sundered by death. In gloom and despair, in want, distress and peril, the life of Masonic principles is neither endangered nor attacked. The roar of the whirlwind cannot render the cry of a brother inaudible; nor the darkness of civil war prevent the destitution of a brother from being seen. As to the present deplorable state of the country, Masons cannot fail to have opinions as to the causes that produced it. It is to be feared that some of our brethren are in arms against the union of States; others, are in the ranks of its defenders. Taught by the history of the Order, that resistance to its government is indefensible, they have carried these principles into the formation of opinions on the present crisis in our national history. But while Masons, as individuals, have been thus influenced and are acting in harmony with such views, Free-Masonry is a silent, unimpassioned, abstracted observer of events. It is hardly possible that a fraternity which has on its roll the names of the fathers of American liberty and independence, could be other than deeply impressed with the present relations between heirs of such a glorious inheritance. Brethren,—These are the thoughts we cannot bridle, and almost force their way without the will, and to which your circular letter has given utterance. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for which we speak, fraternally salutes you, and the brethren under your jurisdiction. One of the earliest and most consistently followed duties of this Grand Lodge, has been to stand by, and defend, our ancient landmarks. Those who are familiar with its history know, she has gone through trials in support of this organic article of Masonic faith. In times of prosperity and peace, but little courage is required to perform duties ever so imperative. Now, or whenever this, or any masonic duty is to be discharged in the face of stern exigencies or unaccustomed perplexity or peril, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, hopes and believes she will not be found less faithful nor more unwilling than any of her sister sovereignties of the craft, around the world. Brethren,—We with you, deplore the present unnatural and deeply distressing condition of our national affairs. Civil strife cannot be the outgrowth of the principles and victories of that great epoch in the history of mankind, known as the war of "1776." We have a hope and a faith, that the God of our Fathers will behold their children in their affliction, and be merciful, bless, protect and preserve them, and to say to them, "Peace, be still!" But if this voice is not heard, if the fire in the bush is not seen as a monition, and the whirlwind threatens to overwhelm us, yet in this last extremity, the still small voice of Masonic faith will be uttered and heard, saying, Brethren, there is help at hand in this time of need. Brethren, thus we feel justified in answering your cry to the craft, contained in the circular letter sent to us.

We feel it just and proper to conclude these thoughts, with the reiteration of the views we presented to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in December, 1860. We do it the more willingly, in order to attest the sincerity of our present sentiments. We do it the more earnestly, to indicate that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has carefully watched the course of our country's troubles, and pointed in advance to the panoplied protection which Masonry holds over the brethren of all lands. "Surely your God is our God; your faith our faith; your landmarks our landmarks; your joy our joy; your prosperity our satisfaction. Then let us unitedly work together for the preservation and perpetuity of a common inheritance. It may be, thereby we will aid in maintaining unity, peace and concord, among the brethren and citizens of united sovereign States in our glorious Union. If all bonds should be broken, all ties rent asunder; if discord, dissension, and disruption, shall mark the decline and fall of the most wise and wonderful of the governments of mankind, let the Masonic temple, in all States, kingdoms, lands, peoples or confederacies, be the common refuge of an indestructible Masonic fraternity." On behalf of the Committee of Correspondence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 13, A. L. 5861.

Other Grand Lodges we notice, have referred to this subject. It is satisfactory to your committee to know, that the views expressed by it, promptly on the receipt of the paper from the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, have been the sentiment of the fraternity, as proclaimed by those who have spoken in its behalf. It does not appear either necessary or Masonic to add a word to what has been here said on the deplorable condition of our Union, or the government, constitution and individuality of the States which constitute its character and power. *The Union must exist, or free government is a failure.* Separate lodges, disunited from a Grand Lodge union, would possibly survive, but Free Masonry would cease to be the inherited institution which now claims our loyalty, devotion, respect and support. The pillar of Masonic strength is of that order of architecture, which unites all virtues in combination. We can in perfect obedience to the teachings of our order, wish as well to our country as to our craft. Both have had their trials, may both outlive their enemies, and become steadfast, immovable, abounding in good gifts, a light to the nations, and in darkness, gloom, or despair, a beacon and a star to guide, direct and save. Your committee has presented to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in this report, those suggestions, which the perusal of the proceedings of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges transmitted to it, required. In giving expression to the thoughts submitted in this report, no other feeling than the sincerest respect and regard, and brotherly kindness for every member of the order, and all its Grand Lodges, has actuated

the committee. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been most kindly referred to in all these proceedings. In some instances the approbation expressed has been so marked, that our gratification has been almost changed into a pride, which else would have been unbecoming. For our brethren of committees of Foreign Correspondence, we have a word at parting. This interchange of annual salutations to us, is most agreeable. We take as it were each other in the spirit of the most elevated confraternity. We give utterance to our views with freedom, sincerity, and at the same time with a dignified criticism, which marks the relations between members of a family, harmonious, united, and tolerant. While we this year miss from our table of correspondence some who are *absent from home*, we entreat the God of our Fathers to open the way for their speedy return. In our temple there is room enough and to spare. In its storehouse, the ring of reconciliation and the fatted calf for the feast which is to be prepared on the jubilee of re-union, are ready to be offered on their re-appearing. Though a great way off, we will hasten to meet them, and guide them with love and charity to the now vacant places, which are theirs by adoption. We invoke the Great Architect of the universe who said "let there be light, and there was light," to bring the eyes of the brotherhood clearly to see a way opened, in which they can travel to find the lost spirit of unity, peace and concord among all Free Masons in our common country. The ties which bind us together are created by the eternal fiat of truth. No human power can absolve us from their obligations. Brotherly Love and Charity are the principles of our Order. Let us extend their influences, at the proper time, if it can so be, to lead the people of our common country to embrace the teachings and principles in which we glory as the attributes of our brotherhood, the stability of our Order, and the renown of the Craft. After your committee had finished its labors, the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, forwarded to it, by order of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at its communication held December 16, 1861, the following communications: One from the Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, dated St. Paul, August 15, 1861. One from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, dated 10th June, 1861. One from the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Rhode Island, dated September 21, 1861; and also from the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Rhode Island, dated November 25, 1861. Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held at the City of London, July 10, 1861. It is a cause for satisfaction to your committee, that the subjects to which Right Worshipful Grand Master A. T. C. Pierson, of Minnesota, calls the attention of the members of that Grand Lodge, has already been noticed by your committee in this report. In the cautionary notice of Right Worshipful Brother Pierson, we find the following: "Recently letters have been received by officers and members of lodges within this jurisdiction, soliciting them to join in this scheme (in my opinion a pecuniary speculation)

which proposes the formation of a secret association among Master Masons, called 'Conservators.' * * * The object of this scheme is to influence and control Subordinate and Grand Lodge action through secret agents, subjecting the Subordinate and Grand Lodges to the control of the chief conservator." The Grand Master then denounces the scheme, and decides those engaged in it as liablé to Masonic discipline. We can add nothing to what we have already said on this subject in this report. It is important that the notice of the brethren of this Grand Lodge should be drawn to "a scheme" which must be met by the indignant reproof of all true Masons. The report of the Grand Lodge Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, made to that Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, held at Plattsmouth, 4th of June, 1861, on the "unhappy state of the country," is contained in one of the communications above referred to. Your committee has also noticed this subject. We take occasion to remark, in regard to the proposition submitted for a national convention of Masons, to be held in Washington this month, "to take into consideration the deplorable state of the country; and co-operate in endeavoring to cement more closely the bonds of fraternal love among all the brethren, North and South; and to do all in their power to restore the government to its former position, by a re-union of all the States,"—that neither the time nor the opportunity has yet arrived for Masons to interpose in the momentous crisis now upon our country. When our brotherhood can act, without violating the integrity of its origin, and principles, and aims, then our love of country will animate and direct their best efforts for its security, harmony and prosperity. In regard to the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in relation to Lodges of Instruction, your committee beg leave to state, that, in the last annual report of this committee, a similar recommendation was made as a growing necessity in the Order. The Rhode Island plan for such instruction is one which that R. W. Grand Lodge regards as best suited to its wants. Of this we can make no comment, because it is entirely within the control of that R. W. Grand Lodge, and she is the best judge of her own policy. We conclude the notice of these last received communications with a review of the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada. It is cause for gratification that the opinion expressed by this committee on the differences between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, so far as related to the question of Masonic jurisdiction, has been endorsed by the practical legislation of the latter Grand Lodge. We rejoice to find that the Grand Lodge of Canada is asserting her Masonic sovereignty by interdicting intercourse with those Lodges within her territory, which claim to acknowledge English Masonic authority. There are but one or two of such charters now outstanding, in the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We hope and believe that no efforts will be spared to cause such Lodges either to close their labors and surrender their charters held under the authority of the Grand Lodge

of England, and change their subordinate relations, or to be declared clandestine. The Grand Lodge of Canada owes this effort to the integrity of her claim to a place on the roll of Supreme Grand Lodges of Ancient York Free and Accepted Masons. The address of the R. W. Grand Master contains valuable suggestions. Our former reports indicate our views of several subjects to which this excellent address refers. Brother Fowler, the chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, so fully coincides with the sentiments expressed by this committee, that we cannot omit one extract from the opening paragraph of his report. He says: "Doubtless there is much written with which we cannot agree, and much that might have been better unwritten," in the "mass of documents" made up of "decisions, addresses of Grand Masters, reports of committees, and more especially those on foreign correspondence." * * * He refers to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, remarking that our proceedings for 1858 are the last received, and expresses a desire "to hear from Pennsylvania more frequently." It may be well just to remind our brother, that for some years Pennsylvania did not recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada. The reasons we have heretofore fully given. Whatever force may be found in the reasoning of this committee on the question then involved, we leave to candid masonic criticism. So soon as the craft in Canada established a Grand Lodge existence, within the principles governing such an institution as understood and recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United States, we cheerfully and promptly acknowledged that Grand Lodge. This report contained such recognition before the last proceedings from Canada were received. We beg leave to refer Brother Fowler to the opinions of this committee in our former reports to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Now that correspondence is renewed between us, we expect our position will be properly ascertained by at least perusing the remarks we have made to justify it. We offer to the Canadian craft and its authorities, the welcome, which only Free Masons can give, into the fellowship of our Order, its immemorial rights, and indestructible duties. Your committee has concluded its labors for the present year. It will be observed that the plan of this report differs from most of those from committees of foreign correspondence. Rather than take up each report from individual Grand Lodges, and refer to its contents,—subjects treated upon by all, and thus made important to the craft, are only considered. It is a mere matter of taste, and each to his own. We prefer this mode, as best suited to our views of what should constitute such a paper as the one now submitted. Brethren of Committees of Correspondence of other R. W. Grand Lodges, we salute you all in the warmth of our fraternal regard, brotherly love, and esteem. We cannot fail, however, to ask Brothers L. B. Thornton, of Alabama; Wm. Gray Clark, of North Carolina; H. L. Palmer, of Wisconsin; James Fenton, of Michigan; the Committee of Vermont; G. L. Barny, of Georgia; H. G. Reynolds, of Illinois; Charles A. Fuller, of Tennessee; A. O. Sullivan,

of Missouri; Thos. A. Doyle, of Rhode Island; Brother Austin, of Indiana; Cyril Pearl, of Maine, and McJilton, of Maryland, to accept our acknowledgments for the appreciation they entertain and express for the labors of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 12, 1861; A. L. 5861.

On motion of Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, presented the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Publication:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned on behalf of the Board of Almoners, and in compliance with the requirements of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, makes the following report, for the year ending December 27th, 1861.

Balance on hand December 1st, 1860, per last report.....		$123 56
Received for distribution from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.....	$1,700 00	
Interest on the deposit in the Saving Fund, allowed by the Treasurer.....	6 35	
		1,706 35
Total		$1,829 91

The distributions have been as follows:

On 174 applications from widows of deceased members	$1,684 91	
On 8 applications from daughters of deceased members	70 00	
On 4 applications from mothers of deceased members	40 00	
On 1 application from an orphan boy of a deceased member	10 00	
Total amount distributed	$1,804 91	
Add expenses for stationery, &c.....	25 00	
		$1,829 91

The money thus appropriated was distributed as follows, viz.:

To widows and orphans of members of Lodges within this jurisdiction	$1,373 91	
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges within this jurisdiction	324 00	
To widows and orphans of members of Lodges in Ireland	72 00	
To widows and orphans of members of Lodges in Granada	25 00	
To widows and orphans of members of Lodges in West Indies	10 00	
Stationery, &c.	25 00	
		$1,829 91

It will thus be seen that the sum of $1,373.91, or more than three-fourths of the amount distributed has been given to widows and orphans of members of Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; the balance having been donated to applicants from Lodges located out of this jurisdiction. The experience of the past year, being the first in the history of this Board under its new organization, is such as to endorse the wisdom of the Grand Lodge, in that action which placed this Charity upon its present firm and permanent basis. A natural result of this change has been the largely increased number of applicants for relief herewith reported. This, however, has probably been productive of good, for, while it made necessary a more strict guardianship of the limited sum at our disposal, it at the same time ensured more careful inquiry into the cases presented to us, and, as we believe, a more equal distribution of the fund among its recipients.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON.

The Annual report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, was read and approved, as follows:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the proceedings of the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," for the year ending December 26, 1861.

In the performance of their official duty they have granted relief to ninety-three "poor and respectable brethren," to wit:

To 84 applicants hailing under this jurisdiction		$1,782 16
" 9 " " " foreign, to wit:		
One from North Carolina	$25 00	
One " South Carolina	40 00	
One " Texas	20 00	
One " Washington, D. C.	15 00	

One from Iowa	$30 00	
One " Nova Scotia	10 00	
One " Canada	10 00	
One " Scotland	10 00	
One " France	15 00	
		$175 00
Total amount of relief granted		$1,957 16
One Book for use of Stewards		5 00
One Box and stationery for Stewards		9 13
Total		$1,971 29
Balance on hand December 27, 1860		$61 50
Amount appropriated for use of Stewards		2,000 00
Interest accruing on deposits by Treasurer		5 66
Total		$2,067 16
From which deduct total amount of relief granted		$1,957 16
Book for use of Stewards		5 00
Box and stationery		9 13
Total relief and expenses		$1,971 29
Balance on hand Dec. 26, 1861		95 87
		$2,067 16

It will be seen by the foregoing statement, that notwithstanding the extreme depression in all kinds of business, and the amount of distress consequent thereon, the funds placed in the hands of the Stewards have sufficed to relieve the pressing necessities of those poor Brethren, whose misfortunes have compelled them to seek such aid, as every poor and respectable Brother is entitled to receive; and it is, therefore, a matter of great felicitation that the Grand Lodge possesses a fund, which, by prudent management, will prove a never-failing source, to which the poor worthy Brother in the hour of his greatest need will not apply in vain. As far as has been ascertained, six deaths have occurred during the year among those applying to the Stewards for relief; they are poor but worthy; their poverty was no disgrace, and their good deeds should not be forgotten.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

A communication was read from Mr. George Weaver in relation to an old certificate of Gas Loan, amounting to $100, and asking

the Grand Lodge for payment of the same. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Mr. James E. Brown in relation to vacating the lease of Store now occupied by him for the sale of Trunks, &c. On motion duly made and seconded, the same was referred to the Hall Committee with power to act.

The Grand Secretary presented the following list of Lodges under his jurisdiction, &c., which was, on motion duly made and seconded, ordered to be printed.

List of Lodges under this jurisdiction showing the name, number of Lodge, where held, admissions, initiations, rejections, suspensions and expulsions, deceased, and the number of members in each lodge up to December 27th, 1860. A. L. 5860.

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Suspended or Expelled.	Deceased.	No. of Members.
	2,	Philadelphia.....	6	4	..	7	2	145
	3,	"	6	5	..	15	2	209
	9,	"	5	4	..	7	..	129
MONTGOMERY.....	19,	"	2	9	..	8	5	252
PERSEVERANCE.....	21,	Harrisburg.....	1	..	4	12	2	131
	22,	Sunbury.....	3	2	..	16	..	39
BRISTOL.....	25,	Bristol.....	..	7	..	4	1	94
	43,	Lancaster.....	3	34	7	6	1	230
	45,	Pittsburg.....	1	12	..	7	2	108
	51,	Philadelphia.....	2	1	..	..	5	145
HARMONY.....	52,	"	3	9	3	7	1	151
WASHINGTON.....	59,	"	1	12	1	1	..	83
BROWNSVILLE.....	60,	Brownsville.....	..	7	3	1	..	92
	61,	Wilkesbarre.....	..	5	2	..	1	108
	62,	Reading.....	2	16	11	19	1	227
CONCORDIA.....	67,	Philadelphia.....	..	8	..	9	1	190
RURAL AMITY.....	70,	Athens.....	..	6	..	1	1	40
LAFAYETTE.....	71,	Philadelphia.....	..	7	2	..	..	179
PHILADELPHIA.....	72,	"	..	9	4	..	4	161
PHŒNIX.....	75,	Phœnixville.....	1	6	2	3	2	68
HIRAM.....	81,	Chestnut Hill.....	..	13	..	..	2	115
COLUMBIA.....	91,	Philadelphia.....	..	2	..	5	..	79
	106,	Williamsport.....	..	8	2	..	..	117
UNION.....	108,	Towanda.....	1	17	..	29	2	108
SOLOMON'S.....	114,	Philadelphia.....	1	10	3	12	..	156
ST. JOHN'S.....	115,	"	3	12	1	12	2	157
UNION.....	121,	"	..	14	1	12	3	163
HERMAN'S.....	125,	"	1	11	..	1	3	130

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Suspended or Expelled.	Deceased.	No. of Members.
Rising Star	126,	Philadelphia	1	12	..	22	3	160
Phœnix	130,	"	..	17	2	8	4	245
Industry	131,	"	..	2	1	1	3	88
Franklin	134,	"	1	8	..	2	4	121
Roxborough	135,	Manayunk	1	12	..	5	2	111
Schuylkill	138,	Orwigsburg	2	4	..	4	1	39
George Washington	143,	Chambersburg	4	5	..	..	..	66
Charity	144,	Lewisburg	..	7	..	6	2	59
Easton	152,	Easton	6	10	..	10	1	136
Waynesburg	153,	Waynesburg	..	5	3	15	..	74
Mount Moriah	155,	Philadelphia	3	11	3	15	4	235
Washington	156,	Drumore Centre	..	6	..	..	..	69
Meridian Sun	158,	Philadelphia	4	13	..	1	1	298
Evergreen	163,	Monroeton	1	1	..	..	1	25
Washington	164,	Washington, Wash. Co.	1	8	3	4	..	59
Eastern Star	186,	Philadelphia	1	17	2	7	9	300
Integrity	187,	"	1	5	..	3	1	177
Charity	190,	Norristown	1	11	1	..	3	117
Lafayette	194,	Grove	..	2	..	..	1	47
Cumberland Star	197,	Carlisle	..	3	1	4	2	64
Lafayette	199,	Lock Haven	4	8	1	..	1	109
Lewistown	203,	Lewistown	..	4	..	8	1	73
Kensington	211,	Kensington, Pa.	4	13	5	..	3	224
Pulaski	216,	Pottsville	5	20	8	..	4	145
Honesdale	218,	Honesdale	1	3	1	1	..	52
St. John's	219,	Pittsburg	4	10	3	..	..	149
Portage	220,	Hollidaysburg	..	8	2	..	..	94
Franklin	221,	Pittsburg	5	20	3	17	3	124
	222,	Minersville	..	3	..	3	..	49
Allegheny	223,	Allegheny City	1	9	..	13	..	77
Danville	224,	Danville	..	..	..	6	1	69
Philanthropy	225,	Greensburg	1	5	..	1	..	89
Mount Lebanon	226,	Lebanon	3	5	..	..	4	125
Chandler	227,	Reading	4	7	1	..	1	169
Fayette	228,	Uniontown	1	4	..	13	..	51
Rochester	229,	Rochester	1	1	..	..	2	34
Richmond	230,	Port Richmond	6	38	..	7	..	153
Solomon's	231,	Pittsburg	1	8	..	4	..	66
La Belle Valle	232,	Jersey Shore	2	7	4	6	2	60
St. John's	233,	Pittston	4	8	..	4	..	77
Crawford	234,	Meadville	1	5	4	7	4	102

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Presque Isle	235	Erie	2	7	5	1	..	60
Chester	236	Chester	..	10	1	4	2	98
Chandler	237	Bealsville	11	3	..	..	..	38
Tamaqua	238	Tamaqua	..	4	3	2	..	54
Armstrong	239	Freeport	..	5	..	6	..	40
Warren	240	Montrose	..	18	3	11	2	117
North Star	241	Warren	..	12	..	3	2	63
Carbon	242	Mauch Chunk	..	2	..	8	..	97
Mahoning	243	New Castle	..	2	..	..	..	45
	244	Kittanning	..	4	1	..	..	61
Doylestown	245	Doylestown	1	13	..	..	2	104
Shekinah	246	Philadelphia	1	16	..	6	..	171
Friendship	247	Mansfield	11	3	..	1	..	44
Temple	248	Tunkhannock	..	7	..	9	1	44
Carbondale	249	Carbondale	2	3	1	4	..	68
Sharon	250	Sharon	..	4	..	..	..	22
Hebron	251	Mercer	..	1	..	..	..	34
Gummert	252	Fayette City	2	5	..	5	..	52
Washington	253	Pittsburg	1	8	..	..	..	50
Stichter	254	Pottstown	..	7	1	..	2	54
Shamokin	255	Shamokintown	2	2	..	2	1	37
Milton	256	Milton	3	5	..	2	2	65
Western Crawford	258	Conneautville	1	6	..	..	2	56
Union	259	New Brighton	2	9	..	..	..	42
St. John's	260	Carlisle	2	3	..	3	..	61
Hiram	261	Providence	..	14	..	18	1	79
Orrstown	262	Orrstown	..	2	..	..	1	18
Franklin	263	Laceyville	..	1	..	..	..	50
Columbus	264	Columbus	..	7	..	7	3	42
Washington	265	Bloomsburg	..	1	..	..	2	62
York	266	York	..	18	1	3	..	80
Swatara	267	Tremont	..	3	1	1	..	52
Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	..	4	..	3	1	67
Monongahela	269	Birmingham	1	10	3	..	..	76
Page	270	Schuylkill Haven.	2	7	1	..	..	46
Keystone	271	Philadelphia	..	2	2	12	..	103
Butler	272	Butler	..	2	..	6	..	28
Cassia	273	Athensville	..	1	..	6	..	27
Hamilton	274	West Philadelphia	..	19	..	..	1	108
Loyalhanna	275	Latrobe	..	7	..	..	1	69
Hobah	276	Brookville	..	6	..	8	..	47
Clarion	277	Clarion	..	10	..	4	..	49

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CAMBRIA	278	Johnstown	..	3	1	3	..	59
NEWCOMB	279	Carmichaels	..	10	..	..	..	45
MOUNTAIN	281	Altoona	..	11	5	13	1	107
JUNIATA	282	Hollidaysburg	..	5	..	..	..	47
BETHLEHEM	283	Bethlehem	..	2	..	7	..	35
PORTER	284	Catasauqua	..	4	..	2	1	46
ANTHRACITE	285	St. Clair	..	3	..	..	..	30
COLUMBIA	286	Columbia	..	8	..	..	1	88
MILNOR	287	Pittsburg	2	12	1	3	..	102
JEFFERSON	288	Allegheny City	..	3	2	2	..	38
ORIENT	289	Philadelphia	3	24	..	11	1	134
EUREKA	290	West Greenville	..	4	..	3	1	25
UNION	291	Scranton	1	11	1	10	..	73
FRANKFORD	292	Frankford, Pa	2	30	9	6	2	142
ASHLAND	294	Ashland	1	6	..	3	..	57
MELITA	295	Philadelphia	..	20	..	6	..	128
MITCHELL	296	Germantown	..	6	..	..	..	83
CHARTIERS	297	Canonsburg	..	14	..	4	..	33
GEORGE BERTRAM	298	Media	..	7	..	1	..	39
MUNCY	299	Muncy	..	..	..	..	..	36
MOUNT MORIAH	300	Huntingdon	3	13	5	..	..	54
WAVERLY	301	Waverly	..	7	..	1	..	39
EUREKA	302	Mechanicsburg	2	7	1	..	..	51
OIL CREEK	303	Titusville	2	..	..	..	..	24
WESTERN STAR	304	Albion	..	1	..	2	..	17
HAWLEY	305	Hawley	..	1	..	..	..	33
TROJAN	306	Troy	1	8	..	..	1	32
WILLIAMSON	307	Womelsdorf	..	1	..	..	..	46
WASHINGTON	308	Fort Washington	..	6	..	..	..	35
WILLIAMSON	309	Downingtown	1	8	..	..	..	38
WARREN	310	Perkiomen Bridge	1	..	1	..	..	19
MOUNT BETHEL	311	Williamsburg	1	8	..	..	1	32
CAMBRIA	312	Ebensburg	..	7	..	..	..	41
INDIANA	313	Indiana	1	6	..	..	..	33
CLEARFIELD	314	Clearfield	2	5	..	..	..	32
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	315	Shippensburg	1	10	..	..	1	29
	316	Franklin	..	5	..	..	1	51
OSSEA	317	Wellsboro	..	5	..	2	1	33
MCKINLEY	318	Allegheny City	1	6	1	..	..	53
ADAMS	319	Bloomfield	..	9	..	..	..	33
BEDFORD	320	Bedford	..	3	..	..	..	27
HAILMAN	321	East Liberty	2	8	..	..	..	40

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West Chester	322	West Chester	..	8	..	..	1	37
Peter Williamson	323	Scranton	5	5	..	..	1	30
Union	324	Mifflintown	2	11	2	..	..	58
Barger	325	Stroudsburg	10	..	..	..	..	51
	326	Trexlertown	1	14	..	..	..	42
Hazel	327	Luzerne	..	3	..	1	..	23
	328	Harford	3	17	..	..	1	34
	329	Greensboro	1	11	..	..	1	33
	330	Salem	2	5	..	..	..	28
Fort Ligonier	331	Ligonier	..	8	..	..	..	22
	332	Plymouth	..	4	..	..	..	12
Barger	333	Allentown	3	20	..	..	1	70
	334	Bradford	..	15	..	..	..	41
	335	Montoursville	2	6	..	..	..	17
	336	Gettysburg	..	4	..	..	..	12
Henry M. Phillips	337	Allegheny City	5	13	..	..	..	18
Great Bend	338	Great Bend	3	14	..	..	..	25
Hyde Park	339	Hyde Park	4	8	..	..	..	21
Thomson	340	East Whiteland	..	8	..	..	..	15
Factoryville	341	Factoryville	..	11	..	..	..	17

RECAPITULATION.

Admitted	229					
Initiated		1,360				
Rejected			146			
Suspended or Expelled				606		
Deceased					154	
Number of Members						13,712
Total	229	1,360	146	606	154	13,712

Grand Lodge closed in peace, at 1 o'clock, noon.

William H. Adams, *Grand Secretary.*

Philadelphia, March 3, 1862, A. L. 5862.

Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present: Bros. John Thomson, R. W. G. M. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Joseph T. Thomas, R. W. G. Treasurer, *p. t.* Will-

iam H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Price J. Patton, D. G. Sect'y, *p. t.* James Ferguson and Leonard K. Bell, G. Stewards. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Charles M. Prevost, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. William Whitney, H. M. Phillips, William Barger, Josiah Randall and James Page, P. G. Masters. William Lilly, R. M. Lamberton and R. C. Simpson, D. D. G. Masters.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Moseley. No. 3, Skerrett, Briggs, Watson. No. 19, Duffield. No. 19, Karrick, Goodall, Giscom, Beaumont, Nicols, Bennett, Thomas. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 51, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Ferguson, Day, White, Bruce, Hanold. No. 59, Adams, Patton, Coburn, Gibson, McPherson. No. 62, Yeager. No. 67, Smith, Worthington, Bolt, Wood, Van Osten, Rutherford, Shewell, McIlree, Jas. Hutchinson, Simpson, Baugh. No. 71, Jones, Burns, D. A. Jones, Johnson, Schnider, Frishmuth, Price. No. 72, Thomas, Potter, Phillips, White, Barger, Thompson, Ashton. No. 81, Piper. No. 91, Lee, Mustin, Barry, Femington. No. 114, Brooks, Boyd, Kingston, Buckingham, Clark. No. 115, Kraft, Black. No. 121, Prevost, W. M. and A. C. Ireland, Warner, Vaux. No. 125, Engelhofer. No. 126, Page, Nesbit. No. 130, Young, Stillman, Riley, Van Houton, Lescure. No. 131, Squires, Penrose, Alkins, Miller. No. 134, King, Maas, Van Cleve. No. 135, Ferguson, Kline, Dykes, McFarland. No. 155, Curtis, Neff, Porter, Masson, Hedges, Woodbury. No. 158, Manderfield, Funk, Shields. No. 186, Stevenson, Russell, Boswell. No. 187, Loeser, Barnes, Simpson, Parsons, Neill, Benyaurd. No. 211, Hall, Morris, Lewis. No. 227, Lilly, Ancona, Diehl. No. 230, Christian, Brittain. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Hubbert, Watson, Jones. No. 267, Burnett. No. 271, Young, Atkinson. No. 274, Goddard, Manley, Rugan, Deckert. No. 282, Funk, Crawford. No. 283, Black. No. 289, Phillips, Anderson, Martin, Simpson, Hoovey. No. 287, Herdman. No. 292, McCormick. No. 295, Brooker. No. 324, Leight, Mickey, Nottestien. No. 326, Fogel. No. 333, Rehrig, Hausman. No. 319, Clark.

Proxies: Bros. William Whitney, No. 22; William Barger, Nos. 43, 164, 237, 249; James Simpson, No. 163; Robert F. King, No. 194; Henry M. Phillips, Nos. 199, 268; Harman Baugh, Nos. 218, 258, 305; William H. Adams, Nos. 220, 251, 282; James Page, No. 222; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; James Herdman, Nos. 231, 288; William Curtis, Nos. 240, 278; James Shields, Nos. 260, 308; James Ferguson, No. 269; George H. Ashton, Nos. 275, 279, 312; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286, 294; Paul B. Goddard, No. 291; Daniel Thompson, No. 304; David C. Skerrett, No. 317; Samuel H. Scott, No. 320.

Seventy-nine Lodges represented, forty-five by members and thirty-four by Proxy.

The Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held Dec. 2d, of the Extra Meeting held Dec. 16th, and of the Annual Meeting held Dec. 27th, 1861, were read and adopted.

Copies of and Amendments to the following By-laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws: Nos. 2, 131, 221, 292, 301, 306, 341, and 342.

An application for a Lodge to be held in Milford, Pike County, Penna., was read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 126, asking permission to restore —— ——— to Masonic Standing. On motion the request was granted.

A communication from Lodge No. 242 was read complaining of the action of Lodge No. 134 in Entering, Passing and Raising a Mr. ——— of Mauch Chunk, who was represented as an unworthy person. On motion was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A communication was read from Members of Lodge No. 249, charging the W. M. elect with unmasonic conduct and opposing his installation in said Lodge. On motion was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287, asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge, all objection supposed to be removed. On motion the prayer of the Petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 292 asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge, &c. On motion the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from several of the Brethren of Lodge No. 294 in relation to an investment of Lodge Funds in a cemetery speculation and asking the Grand Lodge to protect them in the matter and prevent the Lodge if possible from losing her funds. Bro. Joseph S. Riley moved to return the papers and endorse thereon "That the Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction in the matter." A motion was made to refer it to a Special Committee. Which motion was lost. Bro. William Whitney moved to amend and refer it to the Committee of Appeals. On the amendment a division was called, 56 voting for and 67 opposed. Bro. Amos Briggs moved to further amend by striking out all after "moved" and insert "To refer to the Committee on Landmarks for examination and report to the Grand Lodge at a future meeting." A division being called 66 voted for and 67 against. Amendment decided as lost. On motion finally made the whole subject was laid on the table.

D. D. Grand Master, Bro. R. C. Simpson asked whether Lodge No. 306 who had elected Bro. ——— a Member by viva voce unanimously would be held good, after he had acted as a Member, had been chairman of a committee, when a brother was under charge, and a case when the Committee of Appeals decided the party should have been expelled, if said ——— now applies he will certainly be blackballed by said parties, and on motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

The Committee of Finance made the following report, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed:

The Finance Committee Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following Quarterly Report:

They have examined and vouched the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending February 15th and found them correct as follows:

He has received—

Balance last account		$66 89
Dues from Lodges, &c	$8,525 18	
Rents of stores	1,958 43	
Dispensations, &c	857 97	
		11,341 58
		$11,408 47

He has paid—

Orders Grand Master		$30 00
" Hall Committee		630 32
Grand Secretary's salary	$312 50	
Expenses of office	37 50	
		350 00
Expenses D. D. G. Masters		438 88
Trustees G. Lodge Charity Fund		637 50
Discount on uncurrent money		11 53
Interest on Masonic Loans		1,719 00
Trustees Masonic Loans		5,060 41
Balance on hand		2,530 83
		$11,408 47

Out of this balance of $2,530.83 the Grand Treasurer has since closing his account on the 15th purchased for the Trustees of the Masonic Loans $1,000 of the loans of the Grand Lodge, the balance of his account has always been found by your Committee to be deposited in Bank, as required by the Ahiman Rezon, the present balance is larger than is desirable but the taxes on the Hall, Water Rent, &c., for the year will soon become due. The Grand Treasurer desires the Committee to say to the Members of the Grand Lodge that if any of the holders of the Masonic Loans desires to have them redeemed, as he is continually in receipt of Money, he would be glad if they applied to him as soon as possible, so that he could notify them when he was prepared to pay them. They then examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct.

On the $41,000 Loans,

Balance last report	$205 30
Paid since	205 30

On the $110,000 Loans,		
Balance last report		$97 50
Appropriation		1,719 00
		$1,816 50
Paid since	$1,531 50	
On hand	285 00	
		$1,816 50

They then examined the accounts of the Hall Committee showing orders drawn on Grand Treasurer, $398.49.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET,
Committee.

PHIL., Feb. 28, 1862.

D. D. Grand Master, Bro. A. E. Ancona read a petition for a Dispensation to have a movable Lodge in the Army. On motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Committee of Appeals made the following report in the case of Lodge No. 238 which was approved and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the reference of the application of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, to authorize Lodge No. 265 to receive and entertain a petition from —— ——— who had been rejected in the former Lodge after favorable report, the objections existing in said Lodge No. 238 having been removed recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit: *Resolved*, that the request of Lodge No. 238 be granted and that Lodge No. 265 be authorized to receive and act upon the petition of said —— ——— according to Masonic usage and law.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Appeals in the case of —— ——— made the following report which was approved and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, That the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 235, at Erie, in expelling him without trial, &c., has been carefully attended to and submit the following resolution, to wit: *Resolved*, That the action of Lodge No. 235 in expelling Bro. —— ——— be revised because the charges were not specific enough and that Bro. —— ——— be and he is hereby restored to his Masonic Standing in said Lodge.

The following report from the Committee of Appeals in the case of charges against —— ——— by Lodge No. 283 was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

In the Matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 283 suspending him from Membership in said Lodge respectfully report, That the charges against Bro. —— ——— was unmasonic conduct in committing adultery by leaving his wife and children and going with the wife of another Man; then living apart from her husband, stopping at different places and attempting to pass as man and wife; also in recommending said woman to the care and protection of a M. M. telling her that said M. M. was bound by his ——— to protect her. Before the Committee of the Lodge appointed to investigate the charges the word "criminal" was left out. The accused Brother neither admitted or denied the charge of Adultery, but denied leaving his wife and children to go away with the wife of another man and denied that he attempted to pass himself and the woman as man and wife, but admitted that he had registered their names at the hotel as —— ——— and lady having met her in Philadelphia without any preconcerted arrangement. He admitted that he did recommend the woman to the care and protection of a Brother M. M. as she was in trouble and he thought it was the best protection he could give her, but he denied that he told the woman that the Brother was bound by ——— to protect her. The Brother preferring the charges declined bringing any proof to sustain what was denied by the accused and waived them all. The Committee found that Bro. ——— had been guilty of unmasonic conduct in committing adultery with another man's wife and attempting to pass himself off at different places as man and wife, for so they would understand the register upon the Hotel Books of —— ——— and lady. Of the other parts of the charge they found him not guilty. The Committee recommend that in consideration of many extenuating circumstances and of the former high character of the erring Brother, both as a man and as a Mason, the Lodge give him a full hearing and that they felt certain when all the circumstances were explained they would feel inclined to deal leniently with him. This report was accepted, the Committee discharged and a motion made to suspend Bro. ——— which was carried by 9 yeas and to 8 nays and the Brother therefore suspended. From this act of the Lodge he appeals to the Grand Lodge. *First*, Because it was illegal and unjust. *Second*, Because charges were not proven, and as no testimony was taken against him none could be offered in his defense. *Third*, Because he applied for copies of report of Committee which were refused and generally that no legal cause existed then, nor does it now exist against him and no charge of adultery exists anywhere but on the books of said Lodge none having been preferred against him by any other body and denying the power and right of

the Lodge to deal with him under the circumstances. The Committee recommend the following: *Resolved*, That the action of Lodge No. 283 in suspending —— ——— be and the same is hereby sustained.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

MARCH 3, 1862.

The R. W. G. Master stated that it had come to his knowledge that —— ———, Innkeeper, residing in the lower part of the city who had been rejected in Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, in the year 1855, had recently petitioned Hiram Lodge, No. 81, at Mount Airy, and had been Initiated and Crafted in said Lodge. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals and that Lodge No. 81 be directed not to proceed any further in the case until advised to do so by the Grand Lodge.

The following visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening, to wit: Bros. Isaac R. Morris, No. 25; Squire J. Allen, Geo. H. Schaack, No. 52; Wm. Levan, No. 62; John T. Roberts, Jno. F. Geary, No. 67; Jas. J. Skerrett, No. 71; Wm. Creamer, Sam'l T. Mitchell, Jas. Falby, Joseph Corney, No. 81; Sam'l C. Piper, No. 126; Geo. W. Summers, No. 130; David B. Taylor, No. 134; John Wolfington, Andrew J. Hay, Jas. Welsh, Wm. W. Shaw, No. 135; Jos. W. Bowers, John B. Eckert, John J. Bartram, Wm. Worthington, No. 158; Wm. Moore, Jos. W. Barnes, No. 187; Mathias Ziegler, No. 211; Wm. C. Wheeler, No. 227; Thos. W. Edwards, No. 230; John I. Stevens, No. 246; Peter H. Hanker, No. 287; John Schaffer, Hiram McCormick, David Hershy, Isaac A. Sheppard, No. 292; Wm. Foster, No. 295; Rob't L. McClellan, No. 322; Benj. F. Shelabarger, No. 324; Henry Miller, No. 788, Ireland; Robert W. Bernie, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Boston, Mass.; Wm. Morris, Huntingdon Lodge, No. 32, Burlington, N. J.

The Committee on By-laws made report on the Amendments to By-laws of Lodges Nos. 2, 131, 221, 296.

By-laws of Lodges Nos. 306, 341 and No. 342, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

No further business presenting itself, the Grand Lodge Closed in peace at 9 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 2d, 1862, A. L. 5862.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. Warden. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. Warden. Robert Clark, R. W. G. Treasurer, *p. t.* William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. Henry C. Howell,

J. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. Edward Masson, G. Pursuivant. H. W. Ducachet, G. Chaplain. J. Randall, W. Whitney, J. Hutchinson, R. W. P. G. Masters. W. Lilly, S. Mehard, B. Richardson, C. Howell, G. H. McCabe, W. A. Porter, and S. E. Ancona, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Floyd, Cregar, Burton. No. 3, Martin, Briggs, Thomson, Skerrett. No. 9, Palmer, Duffield, Mahony, Kelly. No. 19, Beaumont, Griscom, Thomas, Bennett, Nicols. No. 25, Scott, McBride. No. 43, Howell. No. 51, Thomson, Howell, Whitney, Workman, Bateman, Woodside. No. 52, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., White, Bruce, Day, Ferguson, Hanold. No. 59, Adams, Geo. L. and Jas. L. Taylor, Patton. No. 62, Mayer. No. 67, Wood, Rutherford, Van Osten, Shewell, Bolt, McIlree, Smith, Simpson, Jos. and Jas. Hutchinson, Loudenslager. No. 71, Johnson, Price, Jones. No. 72, Abbott, Thomas, Thompson, White, Phillips, Brown, Irvin, Fox. No. 75, Vanderslice, Waters. No. 81, Williams, Smith, Piper, Miles. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Mustin, Taylor, Lee. No. 114, Clark, Buckingham, Brooks, Kingston. No. 115, Kraft, Adams. No. 121, W. M. and A. C. Ireland, Vaux. No. 125, Muckle, Maag, Englehofer, Ketterlinus. No. 126, De Groote, Page, Bell, Laning. No. 130, Kirkpatrick, Severns, Riley, Lescure, Stillman, Brown, Young. No. 131, Armstrong, Penrose, Miller. No. 134, Keyser, Becker, Stephens, Ogden, Maas, Van Cleve. No. 135, Klien, McFarland. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Martin, Curtis, Woodbury, Hedges, Masson, Porter, Neff, Megary. No. 156, Dillon. No. 158, Funk, Shields, Walker, Manderfield. No. 186, Boswell, Adams, Filson, Stevenson. No. 187, Benyaurd, Neill, Hunn, Simpson. No. 211, Cartwright, Dorlan, Hall, Morris. No. 203, Martin. No. 216, Washburn. No. 227, Lilly, Ancona. No. 230, Evans, Ziegler, Hill, Brittain. No. 236, Thomson, Grieg, Baker. No. 238, McCabe. No. 240, Richardson. No. 242, Lilly, Otis. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Hubbert, Masson, Randall, Jones. No. 251, . No. 267, Tice, Baradt. No. 271, Young. No. 274, Deckert, Goddard. No. 281, Finley. No. 289, Phillips, Davis, Simpson, Martin. No. 292, McCormick. No. 326, Herbert, Fogel. No. 333, Houseman.

Proxies: Wm. Whitney, No. 22; W. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 220 and 251; Jas. Simpson, No. 163; H. M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 268; Jas. Page, No. 222; Jos. S. Riley, No. 226; Jas. Hutchinson, No. 253; Jas. Shields, Nos. 260 and 308; Jas. Ferguson, No. 269; Wm. Curtis, No. 278; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286 and 294; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320; Jas. Palmer, No. 331.

Seventy-one Lodges represented, fifty-one by Members and twenty by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held March 3d, 1862, were read and adopted.

Copies of the Amended By-laws of Lodges Nos. 9, 52, 138 and 153;

also Amendments to the By-laws Lodges Nos. 51, 67, 115, 155, 186, 255, 268, 281, 316 and referred to the Committee of By-laws with power to act.

Applications for a Warrant to hold Lodges at Cochranville, Chester Co.; Ten Mile place, Washington Co., and Sargustown, Crawford Co., Penna., were received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 164 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge all objections being now removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 197 asking a remission of dues. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 203 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 291 asking a new ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 291 asking the removal of a vote of Expulsion against —— ——— for unmasonic conduct. On motion the same was referred to the Committee of Appeals to enquire into the case and report to the Grand Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 300 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. The prayer on motion was granted under the usual restrictions.

The R. W. G. Master stated that on March 25th last he received a communication from Chandler Lodge, No. 227, asking for a dispensation to continue the labors of the Lodge until they could procure a Warrant in regular form. The original Warrant having been destroyed by fire on Sunday night the 23d inst. along with the Lodge Room and its contents. Agreeably to the wishes of the Brethren he caused a Dispensation to be issued, since which time he has the pleasure to state that the original Warrant was saved but in a scorched condition, not so badly as to prevent its being used as usual. Statement made by the Grand Master ordered to be noted on the Minutes and the action of the Grand Master approved.

The following communication was received from the Hall Committee and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—The attention of the Hall Committee having been called to the state of the insurance upon the Hall upon examination find the following policies have been taken in the several offices mentioned below being in all $45,000, viz.:

Mutual	$5,000 00	
Contributionship	10,000 00	
Commonwealth	10,000 00	
Delaware Mutual	10,000 00	
Philadelphia Fire and Life	10,000 00	
		$45,000 00

This amount the Committee think should be increased to at least $60,000 they are also of the Opinion that the policies should be changed, so that no one policy should exceed $5,000 believing that this arrangement would be best for the interests of the Grand Lodge, they therefore recommend the following resolutions for consideration: *Resolved*, That the subject of insurance upon the hall and furniture be placed in the hands of the Hall Committee to make such change as they may deem best for the interest of the Grand Lodge subject to the approval of the Grand Master. *Resolved*, that an appropriation be made to the Hall Committee to meet the expense incurred by the above resolution.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

Signed, JOHN BOLT, *President.*

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, *Secretary.*

PHILA., May 19, 1862.

A communication was read from Hebron Lodge, No. 251, asking for a remission of Dues, &c. On motion duly made and seconded, the petition was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was received, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received since their last report presented March 2d, A. L. 5861,

From interest and dividends the sum of	$2,530 65	
" premium on specie	3 51	
" interest on deposits	40 12	
Making a total of income		$2,574 28
To which add the balance on deposit to the credit of the Bequest at last report	822 73	
Making a total of		$3,397 01
Of this sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treasurer to the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund the sum of	2,000 00	
Leaving a balance of		$1,397 01
To which add the principal of 14 certificates of the Grand Lodge exclusive of interest which is included in the item of Income	7,000 00	
		$8,397 01

The above amount has been invested in the name of the Trust as follows, to wit:

Coupon Bond No. 64, $1,000, Camden & Amboy 6's of 1889 at 82½, Bkg. $2.50	$827 50
Three Bonds Nos. 427, 428, 429 of 6 per ct. State Loan	3,000 00
4 Certificates Nos. 12,709, 12,710, 12,711 and 16,315 U. S. Loan int. $25.20	3,525 20
	$7,352 70
To which add amount on deposit to credit of the Trust	1,044 31
Makes a total	$8,397 01

Since the last report the Trustees have transferred and surrendered 14 certificates of the loan of the Grand Lodge Nos. 229 to 242 both inclusive amounting to the sum of $7,000 agreeably to the resolutions of March 7th, 1859, which has been reinvested agreeably to the same resolution as per above and foregoing statement.

The investments of the Bequest are as follows, to wit:

2	Certificates Masonic Loans 1853 Nos. 1 and 2, $250	$500 00
6	" " " " Nos. 243 to 248 both inclu..	3,000 00
1	Mortgage Bond Camden & Amboy R. R. Co. 1864, No. 473..	1,000 00
1	" " " " " " " 474..	3,000 00
1	" " " " " " " 475..	2,500 00
1	" " " " " " " 477..	500 00
3	Coupon Bonds Camden & Amboy R. R. Co. 1889, Nos. 46, 64 and 200, $1,000 ea	3,000 00
3	Certif. Penn. 6's War Loan 1861 Nos. 427, 428, 429, $1,000	3,000 00
2	" Penn. R. R. Co. Stock Nos. 15,525, 15,537, $2,500	5,000 00
1	" Southwark Gas Loan No. 165, 297, at $10	2,870 00
1	" " " " " 168, 477, " 10	4,770 00
1	" " " " " 169, 100, " 10	1,000 00
1	" " " " " 172, 48, " 10	480 00
1	" " " " " 177, 50, " 10	500 00
1	" " " " " 200, 80, " 10	800 00
1	" " " " " 211, 190, " 10	1,900 00
1	Certif. Phil. City 6's due 1892, No. 3,222	1,000 00
1	" " " " " 1889, " 11,715	1,000 00
1	" " " " " 1876, " 11,768	100 00
1	" " " " " 1889, 250 free of tax	3,000 00
3	" U. S. 7 3-10 Loan Nos. 12,709, 12,710, 12,711, $1,000 ea..	3,000 00
1	" " " " 16,315	500 00
		$42,520 00

The Trustees offer the usual resolution for an appropriation to the use of the Stewards. *Resolved*, That the sum of $2,000 be and the same

is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year enuing June 1st, 1863, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE,
DAVID JAYNE, DAVID BOYD,

Trustees.

APRIL 4, 1862.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following quarterly report:

They have examined and vouched the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending May 15th and found them correct as follows:

He has received—

Balance last report		$2,530 83
Dispensations		210 00
Dues from Lodges, &c		7,224 38
Rents of stores		3,333 33
		$13,298 54

He has paid—

To the Trustees Masonic Loans		$8,243 47
Orders Hall Committee		486 46
Taxes		2,131 00
Printing		238 59
Grand Tyler		216 57
Grand Sect'y, salary	$312 50	
Postage and expenses	33 90	
		346 40
Interest on Masonic Loans		1,230 00
Grand Treasurer discount on uncurrent money		7 08
" " expenses of Office		18 73
Balance on hand		380 24
		$13,298 54

Examined accounts of Hall Committee and found them correct showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the last quarter amounting to $585.71.

They then examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct, as follows:

On the $41,000 Loan,	
Appropriation	$1,230 00
Paid as per receipts	1,107 00
Balance on hand	$123 00
On the $110,000 Loan,	
Balance on hand as per last account	$285 00
Paid since	171 00
Balance on hand	$114 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK, *Committee.*

PHIL., May 28, A. L. 5862.

The following report was received and read from the Committee on Landmarks, signed by R. W. Past Grand Masters, Bros. William Barger, Peter Williamson, and R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. David C. Skerrett, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Landmarks, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother —— ——, touching his position as a member of Trojan Lodge, No. 306, held at Troy, Bradford Co., Pa., respectfully report: The Regulations of the Grand Lodge, declare emphatically that an applicant for membership, "must apply for admission by petition at a Stated Meeting at least one month prior to his reception, recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge, such petition stating his age, occupation and residence; a committee of three Master Masons, members of the Lodge neither of whom is a recommender, is appointed on such application, who reporting favorably, the candidate is balloted for on a stated night of meeting, and receiving a unanimous vote, is declared to be approved. The brother must produce a certificate from the Lodge to which he last belonged, or other satisfactory proof, that he is not already a member of some Lodge." See Ahiman Rezon, page 35. It appears by the statement of Brother ——— and others, (which statements are hereunto annexed,) that at the time of his admission as a member of Trojan Lodge, he was a member of a Lodge in Scotland; that he did not apply to Trojan Lodge for membership, was in the habit of attending the meetings of the Lodge as a visitor; at the Stated Meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1860, it being announced to the W. M. that Brother ——— was without, and desired admission as a visitor, one of the members made a motion that Brother ——— be elected a member of the Lodge and as Chaplain, which motion being entertained by the W. M. the question

was taken, by a show of hands, and Brother ——— was declared unanimously elected. After a careful examination of all the evidence, the Committee have no hesitation in declaring that Brother ——— is not a member of Trojan Lodge, his election having been irregular, and in direct violation of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. They do not attach any blame or censure to Brother ———, believing that he was entirely innocent of any intention of improperly becoming a member of the Lodge, he being ignorant of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Yet, notwithstanding the improper action of Trojan Lodge, Brother ——— being free from censure, is not debarred becoming, in a proper manner, a member of that or any other Lodge. The Committee are of opinion that the W. M., Officers, and Members of Trojan Lodge, are deserving of severe censure for this gross violation of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge and placing Brother ——— in a false position, they therefore offer the following resolutions, to wit: *Resolved*, That the W. M., Officers and Members of Trojan Lodge, No. 306, are deserving of, and are hereby censured, for their gross violation of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge at the Stated Meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1860, by the course pursued in electing Brother ——— a member of said Lodge. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to the W. M. of Trojan Lodge, No. 306, a copy of this report and resolutions attached, with directions that it be read aloud in open Lodge, at the first stated meeting after its reception and spread at length upon the Minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BARGER, PETER WILLIAMSON, DAVID SKERRETT.

Whereupon it was, on motion of R. W. P. G. M. Brother J. Randall, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the same be postponed for the purpose of introducing a counter report, signed by himself, which was read, as follows:

The Grand Lodge have taken into consideration the communication from the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, Brother R. C. Simpson, and the accompanying documents relative to the membership of Brother —— ——— in Trojan Lodge, No. 306. This right has been called in question by Brother —— ———. The material facts are few and undisputed. It appears that Brother ——— some time in the year of 1858-9, was called to the pastorship of the First Presbyterian Church in the town of Troy. It is admitted that he is a man of talents and exemplary piety and has hitherto performed his pastoral duties with satisfaction to the community in which he lives. Early in the year 1859 it was ascertained that he was a Scotch Mason, having regularly received the Three Degrees in Lodge No. 102, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The members of the Troy Lodge, invited him to attend their meetings, and officiate as Chaplain; after he had performed this duty for about a year, at a Stated Meet-

ing held January 4th, 1860, it was proposed, in open Lodge, to elect him a member and Chaplain of the Lodge. The sense of the Lodge was taken and by a *show* of hands, this motion was unanimously adopted. Brother ———, the complainant was present and was one of those who voted in the affirmative. It is not denied that Brother ——— paid his admission fee, subscribed to the By-laws and has continued to pay his dues as other members of the Lodge, until the present difficulty occurred. The Lodge in their General Annual Return, dated December 27, 1860, returned Brother ——— as a contributing member of their Lodge, and the Grand Lodge received their dues from the Lodge assessed for him as such. The labors of the Lodge appear to have been conducted in the usual manner until a dispute occurred relative to Brother ———, the complainant. This Brother was twice charged with unmasonic conduct arising from intemperate habits. He was acquitted by a vote of 16 to 14 there not being two-thirds of the members present in favor of his expulsion. Brother ——— and some others earnestly protested and appealed from this decision of the Lodge, to this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the Report of the Committee of Appeals, which declared in the most emphatic terms that ——— should have been expelled from the Lodge, but they dismissed the appeal on the ground that the Grand Lodge would not reverse an acquittal of a member by a subordinate Lodge. From the time Brother ——— became a member of the Lodge, he continued to take an active part in all its affairs; was appointed chairman of the committee upon Brother ———; was a member of other committees and voted upon all questions before the Lodge in the same manner as any other member, until the charges against Brother ——— were made. While these charges were pending, Brother ——— raised the question that Brother ——— had not been admitted according to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and that he therefore was not a member of Lodge No. 306. It does not appear that the Lodge ever took any action upon this suggestion, but Brother ——— expressed his desire to pass the Chair and become a Royal Arch Mason. The whole case was then examined by Brother Bull, who was at that time D. D. G. Master of Bradford and Tioga Counties. Brother ———, on the 30th of October, 1861, decided that Brother ——— was not entitled to receive the Degrees prayed for by him. Since these proceedings Brother ——— has been appointed D. D. G. Master in place of Brother ———. Brother ——— dissents from the decision of Brother ———, but with his characteristic prudence, has declined to grant the Dispensation and has referred the whole case to the Grand Lodge. Upon this statement of facts, there is no doubt that Lodge No. 306 did not conform to the established Rules and Regulations when they elected Brother ——— a member by a show of hands; yet it is abundantly apparent that the great object of these Rules and

Regulations was practically attained, viz.: unanimity of the whole Lodge in the admission of a member. This remark is applied exclusively to his admission as a member of the Lodge. None of the parties have disputed the validity of his election, or appointment as Chaplain of the Lodge. It remains to consider whether, at this time, after Lodge No. 306 and the Grand Lodge have recognized Brother ——— as a member, it is competent for Brother ——— to stultify himself, to take advantage of his own wrong, point out an irregularity in the admission of Brother ——— as a member of the Lodge, and ask this Grand Lodge to erase his name from the records of Lodge No. 306. The Grand Lodge is of the opinion that Brother ——— has no right so to do. It would be unjust to Brother ———, who could have no participation in the irregularities, but it would be much more dangerous as a precedent. It is impossible to secure a strict conformity with the Rules and Regulations in every case. If, at a subsequent day, a dissatisfied Brother can examine the records and find some irregularities in the mode of proceeding in the Lodge in the admission of a member, the most pernicious consequences might ensue. The Masonic Order recognizes no state of limitation, and the right of many Masons now in good standing, might in this manner be changed and overthrown. The Grand Lodge has the inherent right to alter, modify and relax their own Rules when they shall think the justice of the case requires it, and to waive any error or irregularity which may have occurred in the admission of a candidate for initiation or membership, and when they perceive that such error has been permitted through inadvertence, and not from any intention to do wrong. The Grand Lodge therefore adopts the following resolutions: 1. *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 306 violated the salutary Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, by the manner in which they elected Brother ——— a member of their body; that the Grand Lodge feels itself bound to admonish this Lodge against a repetition of such irregularities, which have in this case, and must in other cases, lead to the most mischievous consequences. 2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do waive any error or irregularities which have occurred in the admission of Brother ———, and he is hereby declared a member of Lodge No. 306, in good standing, and entitled to all the privileges thereof. 3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the R. W. D. D. Grand Master, Brother Simpson, and Lodge No. 306, for their respective information and government. 4. *Resolved*, That the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No. 306 be directed to have these proceedings read in the open Lodge, and entered upon their minutes at large. On motion of R. W. P. G. M. Brother Wm. Whitney, and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the whole subject be postponed until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. And on motion of Brother Joseph S. Riley, it was *Resolved*, That both reports be printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Grand Lodge.

The following Communication from Class No. 2 of the Almoners was read, to wit:

PHILADA., May 27th, 1862.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN: The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund Class No. 2 present the enclosed application of Mrs. —— ———, Widow of the late Bro. —— ———, a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna. (deceased), doubts having been entertained whether the Petition came within the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and class of Almoners No. 2 have therefore not felt themselves authorized to grant relief in the present case, they therefore request the Grand Lodge to give to these rules a proper construction or to alter the same if they think proper, and the Almoners will cheerfully carry into effect whatever order the Grand Lodge may think proper to make.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

Signed, JOHN WILSON, *President.*

Attest: EDWARD WILER (signed by J. W.), *Sec'y No. 2 class.*

Brother J. Randall then offered the following resolutions which were agreed to, as follows: *Resolved*, That according to the true intent and spirit of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge Mrs. —— ———, Widow of —— ———, the late R. W. P. G. Master of this Grand Lodge, is a proper recipient of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund if such shall appear, on enquiry, to be found worthy of relief. *Resolved*, That her petition and the accompanying documents be transmitted to the Board of Almoners and that they be requested to take such order in the case as they in their judgment may deem right and proper.

The following report was read, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the complaint of Lodge No. 242 at Mauch Chunk against the action of Lodge No. 134 in accepting as a member and conferring the degree of Freemasonry on —— ———, respectfully report: That the question in this case rests solely upon the point whether the Brother at the time of his application considered himself a resident of Mauch Chunk, or whether having joined the army and being in Philada. he considered that his place of future residence. He states it in his application for a Dispensation to the R. W. G. Master and in answer to the facts going to show that his family remained at Mauch Chunk and his business office was kept open, replies that when he left Mauch Chunk he left it with the understanding of changing his residence, removing his family and not returning. As residence is purely a question of intention the Committee feel bound to give the Brother the benefit of his position

and offer the following: *Resolved*, That the complaint of Lodge No. 242 against the action of Lodge No. 134 in the case of Bro. ——— be dismissed.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

JUNE 2, 1862.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley moved to postpone the consideration of the subject until the next Quarterly Communication in September next. Which was lost. A lengthy debate ensued when, after considerable interchange of opinions it was finally agreed that the report be accepted and the resolution attached thereto adopted.

The following report from the Committee of Appeals in the case of —— ——— and Lodge No. 81 was read and the resolutions attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In the case of the complaint of the R. W. G. M. as to the Initiation of —— ——— in Lodge No. 81 he having been previously rejected in Lodge No. 126 the Committee of Appeals respectfully report: That after a careful examination into the facts they find that the applicant was not in fault in any respect and that nothing can be said against his character and standing. They therefore offer the following: *Resolved*, That Bro. —— ——— be declared in good standing and that Lodge No. 81 be permitted to proceed and confer on him the other degrees. *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 81 deserves the censure of the Grand Lodge in failing to carry out a regulation of the late Grand Masters in relation to notifying the Grand Secretary of the application of Bro. ——— for Membership.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

JUNE 2, 1862.

The printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges were received, and on motion referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to wit: From Grand Lodges of Michigan, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Illinois.

The following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening to wit: Bros. Andrew Bangs, No. 2; Robert Wilson, Benj. M. Feltwell, No. 19; David Becker, No. 45; John R. White, No. 52; William J. Kelly, Edward M. Paxson, No. 59; William K. Jewell, No. 72; Jas. H. Askins, No. 114; Wm. H. Hannis, No. 125; Geo. W. Summers, Moses Hansill, No. 130; David B. Taylor, No. 134; Jos. Neff, Leon Burkert, Richard G. Gilbert, No. 155; Sam'l H. Dillon, No. 156; John B. Eckert, Wm. Overfield, John H. Israel, No. 158; Stephen D. Franklin, Theo. Knipe, Chas. F. Shaester, Wm. Worthington, No. 186; Michael Deal, Robert Jones, Jos. W. Barnes, H. Smith, Jr., Chas. Warfield, Eugene C. Benyaurd, No. 187; Josiah R. Dunbar, No. 203; Mathias Ziegler, H. W. King, No. 211; Jas. T. Reber,

No. 227; Henry McIlvain, No. 236; Chas. C. Calen, No. 246; W. W. Filtwell, No. 256; John R. Tobin, No. 295; Albert Warner, Chas. E. Meyer, No. 295; Anderson Milliken, No. 297; Milton Newbury, No. 308; Benj. F. Shellaburger, No. 324; Herman Knox, No. 324; Owen W. Faust, No. 326; Abraham Simmons, No. 280, N. Y.; Samuel G. Bennell, No. 5, N. J.; J. W. Morris, Huntingdon, No. 32; Charles E. Poole, No. 53, Illinois; Lawrence J. Donath, No. 44, N. J.; William Howgate, Grecian Lodge, Mass.; Chas. S. Wells, No. 76, Swanton, Vt.

No further business, the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, 1862, A. L. 5862.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. Warden. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. George H. McCabe, D. G. Sect'y. George W. Giller, G. Marshal. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. Francis H. Jackson, J. G. Deacon. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Josiah Randall, William Whitney, James Page, William Barger, H. M. Phillips, Past Grand Masters. Bros. Bond, Pollock, Porter, McCabe and Howell, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Benton, Samuel and Robert C. Floyd. No. 3, Skerrett, Hall, Ingram, Thomson. No. 9, Palmer. No. 19, Hand, Murphy, Thomas, Thornley, Randall. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Pollock. No. 51, Thompson, Burns, Woodside, Whitney. No. 52, Ferguson, Day, White, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Hanold. No. 59, G. L. Taylor, Patton, Adams, Sinexon. No. 67, Loudenslager, Rutherford, Simpson, Bolt, McIlree, Baugh, Van Osten, Field, Shewell, Worthington. No. 71, Price. No. 72, Ashton, Thompson, Coleman, Brown, White, Barger, Irvin, Phillips. No. 75, Taylor, Vanderslice. No. 81, Piper, Davis. No. 91, Perkins, Mustin, Taylor, Lee, Hinchman. No. 114, Brooks, Kingston, Thomson. No. 115, Kraft, Adams, Black. No. 121, Ireland, See. No. 125, Maag, Engelhofer, Remak. No. 126, Bell, Montgomery, No. 130, Riley, Sutter. No. 131, Harris. No. 134, Williamson, Maas. No. 135, Ferguson, Kline. No. 155, Martin, Porter, Masson, Woodbury. No. 158, Fink, Manderfield. No. 186, Gaskill, Adams, Russell. No. 187, Barnes, Russell. No. 211, Bennett, Morris, Hall, Cartwright. No. 230, Ziegler, Graeffe, Christian, Evans, Brittain. No. 238, McCabe. No. 246, Walton, Randall, Hubbert, Baker. No. 258, Bond. No. 267, Barndt. No. 271, Atkinson. No. 274, Goddard, Manley, Deckert. No. 287, Herdman. No. 289, Anderson, Moore, Simpson, Davis. No. 292,

McCormick. No. 296, Krickbaum. No. 306, Gurnsey. No. 348, Newberry.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. Whitney, Wm. H. Adams, James Simpson, H. M. Phillips, James Page, D. W. Skerrett, James Ferguson, D. C. Skerrett, Jos. S. Riley, Lucius H. Scott, James Palmer, Harman Baugh, Geo. H. Ashton, Peter Williamson, James Herdman, William Barger, G. Remak, Daniel Thompson.

Fifty-nine Lodges represented, forty-one represented by Members, eighteen by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held June 2d, 1862, were read and adopted.

A communication from Lodge No. 45 was read, asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——, a rejected applicant in said Lodge, all objections being now removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 60 was read, asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— and —— —— both rejected applicants in said Lodge, all objections being removed as far as known. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 60 was read, asking the Grand Lodge to remove the vote of Expulsion from —— ——. On motion the prayer of the petition was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication from Lodge No. 62 was read, asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 75 was read, asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge, all objections believed to be removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 152 was read, asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge, all objections having been removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 158 was read in relation to raising funds from the *Subordinate Lodges* for the sick and wounded Brethren in the hospital, when on motion of P. G. M., Bro. Randall it was *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge approve the plan set forth in the communication from Bro. David Weatherly, Jr., as President of a Convention of Subordinate Lodges, and recommend to the Subordinate Lodges to unite in carrying into effect the plan without delay.

A communication from Lodge No. 218 was read, asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge, all objections believed to be removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from a Committee of the North American Masonic Congress was received and read.

On motion it was laid on the table, *Reconsidered*, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence (deeming it more respectful).

Printed proceedings from sister Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved, to wit:

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present the following Quarterly report:

We have examined the accounts of the R. W. Grand Treasurer for the Quarter ending Aug. 15 and find them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance old account	$380 24
Dues from Lodges	4,385 00
Dispensations	135 00
Warrants new Lodges	162 00
Rents of stores	1,750 00
Returned premium on Policies of Insurance cancelled	712 50
	$7,524 74

PAYMENTS.

Orders Grand Master	$55 50
D. D. G. M.'s Expenses	40 00
Hall Committee	2,226 90
Printing	22 50
Interest on Masonic Loan	1,719 00
Grand Sect'y salary and expenses	340 00
Balance to new account	3,120 84
	$7,524 74

"Approved."

They have examined the Hall Committee's accounts and found them correct, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer,

On general account	$475 90
Premium on additional insurance on buildings	1,751 00

They have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct as follows:

On the $41,000 Loan.

Amt. outstanding last report	$123 00
Paid since	103 50
Balance yet due	$19 50

On the $110,000 Loan.

Amt. outstanding last report	$114 00
Appropriation	1,719 00
	$1,833 00
Paid	954 00
Yet uncalled for	$879 00

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBT. CLARK.

"Approved."

The Hall Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present the following report:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned to whom was referred at the last Quarterly Communication the propriety of increasing the insurance on the New Hall, and to make such change in the present policies as may be deemed best for the interests of the Grand Lodge, respectfully report: That they have attended to the duty referred to them and submit the following for the approval of the Grand Lodge, as follows: The insurance on the new Masonic Hall Building, Chestnut St., has been reduced in the Commonwealth Fire Insurance Co. from $10,000 to $5,000 and the amount insured in the Philadelphia Fire and Life Ins. Co. $10,000 withdrawn making the distribution of insurance at present as follows, viz.:

Franklin	$10,000 00
Hand in Hand	10,000 00
American	5,000 00
Reliance	5,000 00
Commonwealth	5,000 00
Delaware Mutual	10,000 00
Green Tree	5,000 00
Fire Association	10,000 00
Pennsylvania	5,000 00
	$65,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BOLT, *Chairman, Hall Committee Masonic Hall.*

"Approved."

The following report from the Committee on Appeals in the case of Bro. —— ——, W. M. elect, of Lodge No. 249 was read. And the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of the protest of certain members of Carbondale Lodge, No. 249, against the Installation of the W. M. elect the Committee on Appeals respectfully report: That after the election which was duly held for W. M. and resulted in the choice of Bro. —— ——— on the following St. John's Day, P. M. —— ——— protested against his Installation for three reasons. 1st. That on the night of election his dues were not paid. 2d. That he had borrowed money of the Lodge which he had not paid. 3d. That he owed the Brother money which he did not ever try to pay at the tail of a judgment. The protest stopped the Installation and a Committee was appointed to investigate the charges. Bro. ———'s reply to these charges were as follows: 1st. That the W. M. decided that a sufficient sum was due him from the Lodge for services as Secretary *pro tem.* at the time to cover his dues. 2d. That he had borrowed the money of the Lodge and was indebted to Bro. ———, but that a large family, low wages, and sickness and misfortunes had prevented him from doing more than he had done in the way of their discharge. The Committee reported the charge sustained and recommended that the Installation be postponed until the action of the Grand Lodge. That the Lodge owed the Brother on the night of his election, more money than was necessary to cover his dues was in proof before the Committee, so that the first objection falls to the ground. Whatever moral force there may be in the other two the Committee can find no Masonic force. If a Lodge chooses to travel out of its proper sphere and loans money, unless it be a Masonic pledge, it must take the means of recovering it provided by law. In this case, the loan was upon interest and security, clearly showing it to have been an ordinary money transaction. Masonry is a *Charitable Institution*, its objects being to *give* not *lend* money to poor and worthy Brethren. So in the case of the debt due by Bro. ——— to Bro. ———. It is an ordinary transaction not marked by any pledge as to Masonic lending or borrowing and the Grand Lodge has already settled the principle, that it will not permit parties to use its power to compel a payment of such claims but leave them to the Courts of Law for redress. The Grand Lodge would have its time wholly occupied if it were to take cognizance of the ordinary transactions of business life, and injuriously involve itself in these issues. Now in this very case, the party not paying alleges a variety of reasons; want of employment a part of the time, low wages when employed, a dollar and a quarter a day, wife and five daughters to support, had his foot broken at one time and a rib fractured at another, causing a rupture, occasioning heavy suffering and expenses, besides having his wife thrown from a stage injuring her severely, from which she is not likely ever entirely to recover. All these facts would have to be inquired into and if found to be true, even if the money was obtained on a Masonic

pledge would excuse him, because compliance was impossible on his part. The Committee offer the following: *Resolved*, That the Lodge No. 249 proceed with the Installation of their W. M. elect, the reasons assigned not being sufficient to prevent the same.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was read and approved and the Amendments adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined and considered the several By-laws and Amendments referred to them and recommend: That as to the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 9 the proposed amendment to Art. II, Sect. 1, be amended by striking out from the word "But" to the word "given" both inclusive, and inserting "The election shall be conducted according to the rules prescribed for the election of Grand Officers." Art. III, Sect. 3, after the word "Treasurer" insert "forthwith taking his receipt therefor" and that with these alterations said amendments be approved. That the amendment to Art. VIII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 51 be approved. That as to the By-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Art. III, Sect. 1, add at the end of the section as follows: "He shall pay no monies except upon Orders drawn by the W. M. and countersigned by the Secretary." Sect. 2, after the word "Treasurer" insert the word "forthwith." Art. VI, Sect. 2, strike out the word "within." Sect. 4, strike out "at least two thirds" and insert "a majority." Art. VIII, strike out "two thirds" and insert "the vote of a majority" and that with these alterations said By-laws be approved. That the amendments to Articles V and VI of the By-laws of St. John's Lodge, No. 115, be approved. That as to the amendments to Art. III, Sect. 4, of the By-laws of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, "two thirds" be stricken out and "a majority" inserted and that with this alteration said amendment be approved. That as to the By-laws of Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, Art. IV, Sect. 2, strike out the proviso at the end of the section. Art. V, Sect. 1, strike out the words "or of" after the word "Secretary" and insert "upon." Sect. 2, strike out the word "pay" to the word "above" both inclusive, and insert "report to the Lodge whenever the monies in his hands amount to." Art. VI, Sect. 1, strike out the words "and in his absence to the Trustees" and insert "forthwith," strike out also the words "or their," add at the end of the section "He shall issue notices for all special and extra meetings and if at any time required by the Lodge for Stated Meetings." Art. VIII, Sect. 1, strike out the words "all property, monies, notes and papers" and insert "and all investments," strike out the word "otherwise" and insert "interest or principal of investments." Sect. 2, strike out the words "they shall receive

the same and" and insert "the Lodge may direct such surplus to be paid over to the Trustees which together with all other monies received by them they shall," and strike out the words "the same;" insert after the word "direct" the following: "Provided that nothing in this article shall be so construed as to prevent the Lodge at any time directing the appropriation of any monies or investments in the hands of the Trustees to the discharge of the indebtedness of the Lodge," strike out Articles X and XI and insert as Art. X the following:

INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

SECT. 1. Any person desirous of being Initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry may apply to the Lodge for that purpose, at any Stated Meeting, by petition stating his name, age, occupation and place of abode; and he shall be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge; whereupon the W. M. shall appoint a Committee of three Master Masons, members of the Lodge neither of whom is a recommender, to make the necessary inquiry. The Committee shall report the result of their inquiry in writing, at the next Stated Meeting if in their power so to do. If the report is favorable the candidate shall be balloted for and receiving a unanimous vote shall be declared approved. *Provided, however*, that no report in favor of any candidate be received if the same be not signed by all the members of the Committee, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Lodge that the member of the Committee not signing such report was duly notified of his appointment and was prevented by sickness, absence or some other unavoidable cause from attending the meeting of the Committee and participating in the report. An applicant may withdraw his petition before report made thereon, or afterwards if the report be favorable. If an applicant be rejected, a second ballot may be had on the motion of any member duly seconded, made at one Stated Meeting and adopted at the next or at some subsequent meeting. But the ballot so allowed shall be had at the Stated Meeting next subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted.

SECT. 2. A Brother Mason petitioning to become a member of this Lodge, or a Brother who has resigned or been expelled or suspended and petitioning to be re-instated, must be duly recommended and a Committee appointed as directed in Sect. 1 of this Article with respect to applicants for initiation. No application shall be received from any Mason to become a member of this Lodge, until he shall have first produced a certificate of his having been in good standing in the Lodge to which he last belonged, and from which he shall have withdrawn at the time of his ceasing to be a member thereof, unless satisfactory reasons be given why such certificate could not be produced.

SECT. 3. All petitions for initiations or membership shall be accompanied with $5, which sum shall be considered a part of the fee. If the petition be withdrawn or the candidate is rejected, the money

shall be returned; but if elected, and he does not come forward within six months thereafter the above named sum shall be forfeited to the Lodge.

Art. XII, Sect. 1. Strike out all after the words "shall be" and insert "For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, in addition to the expenses of the Dispensation.....$15 00
For Initiation and Membership..... 15 00
" Admission to Mem. of an E. A..... 12 00
" " " " " " F. C..... 8 00
" " " " " " M. M..... 5 00
which fees subject nevertheless to the provisions of Sect. 3, Art. X, shall in all cases be payable on the evening of Initiation or admission. *Provided, however*, that the fees for conferring the three degrees by Dispensation shall be paid in advance. Art. XVI, Sect. 2, strike out the words "or remission." Art. XVII, Sect. 1, strike out the words "not less than two-thirds" and insert "a majority." And that with these alterations said By-laws be approved. That as to the By-laws of Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Art. I, "*Meetings*," strike out the words "and a half" after the words "Seven" and "Six." Art. III, *Membership*. After the words "desirous of" insert "being initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry and," strike out the words "but if there shall appear *one* ballot *against* him he shall be rejected and not have the privilege of withdrawing his petition," strike out the word "admission" and insert "initiation and membership," strike out the words "or may authorize the Master to refer the same to one or more new Committees." Art. V, strike out all the article down to the words "the Tyler" and insert "The fees for admission to Membership of brother Masons shall be as follows, viz.:
An Entered Apprentice.....$15 00
" Fellow Craft..... 10 00
" Master Mason..... 5 00
which fees shall be paid on the evening of admission." Art. X, strike out the whole article. Art. XIII, after the words "by order of the Lodge" insert "during the past year," after the word "examination" insert "at the Stated Meeting next after St. John's Day;" at the end of the article add "at the next Stated Meeting." Art. XXII, strike out the words "Sect. 3" and insert "the Ahiman Rezon," and that with these alterations said by-laws be approved. That the Amendments to Art. I, Sect. 2, Art. III, Sect. 7, Art. V, Sect. 1, and to the Rules of Order of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, be approved. That the Amendment to Art XIV, Sect. 1, of the By-laws of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, be approved. That the Amendment to Art. I, Sect. 1, of the By-laws of Mountain Lodge, No. 281, be approved. That the Amendment to the By-laws Sect. 2, Art. III, of Carbon Lodge, No. 242, be approved. That as to the By-laws of Swatara Lodge, No. 267, Art. I, add at the end of the article the following "from March 25 to September 25" and 6 o'clock P. M. from September 23 "to March 25."

Art. II, strike out all from the words "should two" inclusive to the end of the article and insert "The election shall be conducted according to the Rules for the election of Grand Officers The W. M. shall after his installation, appoint the Deacons, Stewards, Chaplain and Tyler." Art. III, Sect. 1, after the words "must petition" insert the words "in writing," after the word "purpose" insert "at a Stated Meeting at least one month prior to his reception," after the word "age" insert "and that he has not been rejected by any regular Lodge and that he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being." Sect. 5, strike out the words "or receipt," and the words "that all his dues are paid" and insert "or other satisfactory proof that he is not already a member of some Lodge." Sect. 7, strike out the words "or may authorize the W. M. to refer the same to one or more new Committees," add Sect. 9 as follows: "The fee for conferring the three degrees by Dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars in addition to the expenses of the Dispensation." Art. V, strike out the whole article and insert "Visitors unknown to the Master may be admitted on motion regularly made, seconded and adopted, upon the voucher of some brother either a member or visitor or after examination. Visitors known to the Master may at all times be admitted by him without motion. A Brother who is not a member of a Lodge shall not be permitted to visit this Lodge more than once." Art. VII, strike out the whole article. Sect. 8, after the word "Treasurer" insert "forthwith," after the word "therefor" insert "and perform such other duties as may appertain to his office." Art. XII, strike out the whole article and insert "any member wishing to resign from the Lodge shall present his application in writing at a Stated Meeting and at the same time produce a Certificate from the Secretary of his having paid all arrearages, including his dues for that evening, or of having the same remitted and upon his having so done his request shall be granted at the next Stated Meeting and he shall, if he requires, receive a Certificate on paying one dollar therefor to the Lodge, in addition to the cost of said Certificate. *Provided, however*, That when it appears necessary for a Brother to make a sudden and unexpected departure from the Country his request may be granted at the meeting on which he makes application. *And provided also*, That no member shall be permitted to withdraw pending any inquiry in which his character is implicated." Art. XIII, strike out the words "Brother who has been" and insert "Master Mason," strike out the words "for one year and" and insert "who," add to the Rules of Order the following: "13th. These Rules may be dispensed with by the Worshipful Master when he shall see occasion to do so," strike out the Prayer to be used at opening a Lodge, and insert the Prayer on p. 39 of the Ahiman Rezon entitled "Another prayer and that which is most general at making or opening," and that with these alterations the said By-laws be approved. That as to the Amendments to the By-laws of Hazel Lodge, No. 327, that the Amendment to Art. VIII be

approved, strike out the proposed Amendment to Art. XI and the of the proposed new Art. XII and insert the following: Art. XI. *Fees and Dues.* SECT. 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall be as follows, viz.: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation in addition to the expenses of the Dispensation.....$30 00
For Initiation and Membership..... 30 00
For the admission to Membership of Bro. Masons, as follows, viz.:
Of an Entered Apprentice.....$25 00
" a Fellow Craft 15 00
" " Master Mason 5 00
which fees shall in all cases be payable on the evening of Initiation or admission.

SECT. 2. Should a Brother who has received his degrees in this Lodge by Dispensation be desirous of membership he shall pay for his admission the sum of five dollars.

SECT. 3. A Brother who has resigned or been suspended or expelled from this Lodge shall, on being readmitted, pay the sum of five dollars, and all arrearages of dues, if any, unless they shall have been remitted.

SECT. 4. Every member of this Lodge shall pay on each stated night of meeting twenty five cents.

SECT. 5. Every member who shall at the time of holding the annual election for officers be in arrears to the Lodge in a sum greater than five dollars, shall be precluded from voting and shall not be eligible to any Office, until all his arrearages above the sum of two dollars have been paid or remitted by a vote of the Lodge.

SECT. 6. Any member who is one year or more in arrears upon the night of the Annual Election and neglecting or refusing to pay the same after he has been duly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge thereon, may be suspended from Membership, unless it be made to appear that he is confined by sickness or has had his dues remitted." The Committee also recommend these further Amendments, as it does not appear that the By-laws of this Lodge have ever been submitted to or approved by the Grand Lodge. Art. VIII, strike out the words "An Ancient York" and insert "a," strike out the words "or Grand Lodge," strike out the words from "unless" to "satisfactory" both inclusive, and insert "or other satisfactory proof that he is not already a member of some Lodge," after the word "writing" insert "at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge." Art. X, strike out the words from "three Stated" inclusive to the end of the article and insert "the space of six months, all proceedings in such cases shall be null and void, and a new application must be made as in the first instance." Art XIII, after the word "dues" insert "or having had the same remitted," before the words "his request" insert "or remitted" and that with these alterations and additions the said Amendments be approved

That the Amendment to Art. II of the By-laws of West Chester Lodge, No. 322, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. H. ADAMS, J. HENRY BROWN, SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
Committee.

The case of Bro. ——— as to his Membership in Trojan Lodge, No. 306, laid over at the last Quarterly Communication was called up for the action of the Grand Lodge. By the request of P. G. M., Bro. J. Randall, P. G. M., Bro. James Page read a report of the Committee on Appeals in —— ———'s case in Lodge No. 306, also read a letter from several Members of Lodge No. 306 the same being addressed to Bro. Randall. It being proposed to read certain other papers and objection being made the Grand Lodge decided not to hear them. On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley the majority report was taken up, the same was read by the Grand Secretary. The consideration of said Majority Report was temporarily deferred that the Minority might be heard. The Minority Report was read by the Grand Secretary. Bro. Jos. S. Riley moved the adoption of the first Resolution of the Majority Report. Which was adopted as follows, viz.: *Resolved*, That the W. M., Officers and Members of Trojan Lodge, No. 306, are deserving of and are hereby censured for their gross violation of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge at the stated Meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1860, by the course pursued in electing Bro. ——— a member of said Lodge. Bro. Riley moved to amend the next Resolution in the Majority Report by adding the words "and then spread at large upon the Minutes." Upon being again read it was adopted as amended as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to the Worshipful Master of Trojan Lodge, No. 306, a copy of this report and resolutions attached with directions that it be read aloud in open Lodge at the first Stated Meeting after its reception "and then spread at length on the Minutes." Bro. P. G. M. Randall proposed to add the 2d resolution of the Minority Report as a 3d resolution of the Majority Report. Considerable discussion here took place when Bro. P. G. M. James Page offered the following as a substitute, which was adopted and made No. 2 among the resolutions, viz.: *Resolved*, That the Election of Brother ——— to Membership in Trojan Lodge, No. 306, was irregular, in violation of Masonic usage and of the By-laws of the Lodge, his Membership is hereby vacated and declared null and void.

The following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening: Bros. Edward Parker, No. 2; Henry W. Karcher, Jacob Gibson, David McAffee, No. 59; Clifton Bolton, No. 71; William Jewell, No. 72; Thomas R. Patton, No. 121; James L. Ebut, No. 130; David B. Taylor, No. 134; Clinton Anderson, No. 135; Robert T. Graves, No. 187; James L. Turner, Samuel Close, No. 230; Francis H. Hubble, Jr.,

No. 236; Joseph Rau, John S. Stevens, No. 246; M. Ohlman, No. 258; Louis H. Koch, No. 285; William J. Uhler, No. 285; Peter H. Hunker, No. 287; Albert Warner, Chas. E. Meyer, No. 295; Lawrence J. Dismuth, No. 44, N. J.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADA., December 1st, 1862, A. L. 5862.

Stated Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. Grand Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. Sr. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. Jr. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. Samuel C. Perkins, S. G. Deacon. Robert Clark, J. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Josiah Randall, Wm. Whitney, Henry M. Phillips, Wm. Barger, James Hutchinson, James Page, and Samuel H. Perkins, P. Grand Masters. C. F. Knapp, Charles M. Howell, A. M. Pollock, John Cresswell, William Lilly, James Simpson, Wm. A. Porter, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Wiler, Blackburne, Mosely, Floyd, Graham. No. 3, Skerrett, Brewer, Hall, Briggs, Webb, King, Watson, Hatfield, Bilger, Thomson, Wister, Martin. No. 9, Duffield, Mahony, Palmer, Burnett, Henderson, W. and P. Wright, Leach. No. 19, Hand, Nicols, Karrick, Thomas, Master, Griscom, Thornley, Beaumont. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Pollock, Snodgrass, Adair. No. 51, Thomson. No. 51, Thomson, Woodside, Howell, Workman. No. 52, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Hanold, Shindler, Bruce, Day, White, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Jayne, Davenport, Coburn, Jas. L. and Geo. L. Taylor. No. 62, Moyer, Yeager. No. 67, Martien, Rutherford, Van Osten, Griffith, Smith, Shewell, Baugh, Worthington, Wood, McIlree, Bolt, Simpson, Russ, Loudenslager, Jas. and Jos. Hutchinson, Deklyne, Field. No. 71, Bladen, Johnson, Burns, Frismuth, E. B. Schnider, Jones, Price, Van Collem, Hutchinson. No. 72, Chase, Potter, Brown, Thomas, Abbott, Williams, White, Thompson, Ashton, Phillips, Hoffman, Barger, West, Coleman, Irvin. No. 81, Piper, Dickinson, Davidson, Davis. No. 91, Krider, Samuel H. and Samuel C. Perkins, Taylor, Lee, Mustin, Connolly. No. 114, Clark, Brooks, Hamm, Kingston, Buckingham, Stevenson. No. 115, Walles, Leigh, Black, Humes, Kraft, Hibbs, Robeno, Adams, Heimberger. No. 121, Vaux, Ireland, Harris. No. 125, Trau, Maag, Englehoffer, Muckle. No. 126, Brewster, Simpson, Nisbet, Laning, Miller,

Page. No. 130, Brown, Sutter, Kirkpatrick, Easby, Logue, Strickland, Lescure, Stillman, McBride, Riley. No. 131, Penrose, Squires, Taggart, Alkins. No. 134, Williamson, Maas, Vancleave, King, Stephens, Murphy, Becker. No. 135, McCully, McFarland, Ferguson, Hyneman. No. 152, Stein, Porter, Stout, Green, Sweeny. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Martin, Curtis, Masson, Hedges, Megary, Neff, Glenn, Waters, Collins, Woodbury. No. 158, Jones, Walker, Oliver, Weatherly, Richards, Manderfield, Sinn, Shields, Funk. No. 186, Fletcher, Stevenson, Franklin, Smith, Boswell. No. 187, Baines, Hahn, Neill, Benyuard, Loeser. No. 194, Vallerchamp. No. 211, Cartwright, Page, Morris, Dickson, Crockett, Lewis, Hall. No. 220, Cresswell. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 227, Mulligan, Lilly. No. 230, Evans, Christian, Brittain, Graeff, Taylor. No. 236, Thomson, Greig, Gelston, Baker. No. 238, Huhn. No. 240, Fiss. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Wildey, Watson, Hubbert, Baker, Uhle, Randall, Atkinson. No. 265, Knapp. No. 267, Barrett. No. 271, Young, Wagner, Mayer. No. 274, Sears, Manley, Goddard, Rugan, Pearson, Hayworth, Horner, Deckert. No. 289, Simpson, Phillips, Anderson. No. 292, McCormick. No. 295, Foster, Gilpin, Fletcher. No. 296, Krickbaum, Roberts. No. 308, Rex. No. 317, Simpson. No. 319, Clark. No. 328, Claflin. No. 333, Bechtel, Dubbs, Houseman. No. 343, Gilfillan, McClellan.

Proxies: No. 21, English; No. 22, Whitney; No. 138, Adams; No. 144, Vallerchamp; No. 156, Williamson; No. 163, Simpson; No. 164, Barger; No. 199, Phillips; No. 216, Muckle; No. 218, Baugh; No. 221, Pollock; No. 222, Page; No. 226, Riley; No. 229, Thornley; No. 232, Hutchinson; No. 237, Baugh; No. 240, Curtis; No. 241, Thomson; No. 249, Barger; No. 251, Adams; No. 253, Hutchinson; No. 254, Oliver; No. 255, Taylor; No. 258, Baugh; No. 259, Smith; No. 261, Leach; No. 263, Leach; No. 267, Blackburne; No. 268, Phillips; No. 269, Ferguson; No. 275, Ashton; No. 276, Lewis; No. 279, Ashton; No. 282, Adams; No. 285, Loudenslager; Nos. 286 and 294, Vaux; No. 297, Barger; No. 304, Thomson; No. 305, Baugh; No. 309, Williamson; No. 312, Ashton; No. 320, Scott; No. 330, Baugh; No. 331, Palmer.

The following Lodges were represented by Jewels:

No. 135, Bro. T. McCully for Sr. and Jr. Wardens; No. 194, by Bro. Vallerchamp for Sr. and Jr. Wardens; No. 265, by Bro. C. Knapp for W. M., Sr. and Jr. Wardens; No. 333, Bro. Houseman for Jr. Warden.

One hundred and six Lodges represented; fifty-six by Members, forty-five by Proxy and five by Jewels.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held Sept. 1st, 1862, were read and adopted.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following, viz.: Whereas, many of the subordinate Lodges have generously remitted the dues of such of her members as have attached themselves to the army of the United States. It would be fitting and becoming in the Grand Lodge to remit the dues of every such member to the said Lodges.

Therefore *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge remit the dues of the subordinate Lodges of any Member thereof who has joined the United States Army. On motion the foregoing was referred to the Committee of Finance.

This being the night of the Annual Election for Officers of the Grand Lodge the Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following named brethren as Tellers, to wit: for votes by Members, Bros. James Page, Michael Nisbet, Chas. Frishmuth and William Curtis. For votes by Proxy and Jewels, Bros. Charles M. Howell, John Bolt and Martin Cartwright. The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot.

After report of the Tellers the R. W. Grand Master announced the following named Brethren elected to their respective offices and Trusts for the coming Masonic Year, to wit:

Bro. David C. Skerrett, R. W. Grand Master (Bro. John Thomson declining); Bro. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master; Bro. John L. Goddard, R. W. Senior G. Warden; Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. Junior G. Warden; Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer; Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC LOANS.

Bros. William Badger, William English, Philip R. Howard, James Shields, Frederick Lennig in connection with the elective Grand Officers.

TRUSTEES GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, James Hutchinson, Anthony Bournonville, David Boyd and David Jayne.

TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. William English, Angus N. Macpherson, John Wilson, Jr., Joseph S. Riley, William S. Black.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, A. D. 1862, A. L. 5862.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. Grand Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. Sr. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. Jr. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. Samuel C. Perkins, Sr. G. Deacon. Joseph T. Thomas, Jr. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. Joseph H. Boswell, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. William Whitney, James Page, Henry M. Phillips, P. G. Masters. George H. McCabe, B. Richardson and William Lilly, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne. No. 3, Briggs, Thomson, Hall, Martin, Skerrett, English. No. 9, Palmer, Duffield. No. 19, Thomas, Beaumont. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson. No. 52, White, Ferguson, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Day, Brice, Shindler, Hanold, White. No. 59, Adams, Gibson, J. L. and G. L. Taylor. No. 67, Smith, Loudenslager, Work, Simpson, McIlree, Worthington, Reess, Van Osten, Rutherford. No. 71, Price, Frismuth, Jones. No. 72, Potter, Thomas, Phillips, Williams, Irvin, Thompson, White. No. 91, Perkins, Mustin, Taylor. No. 114, Brooks, Clark, Morrell, Buckingham, Kingston. No. 115, Black. No. 121, Harris, Ireland, Foering. No. 125, Maag. No. 126, Laning, Page. No. 130, Young, Riley, Barrett, Sutter, Brown, Stillman, Strickland, Lescure. No. 131, Miller, Penrose. No. 134, Williamson, Van Cleave. No. 155, Hedges, Masson, Woodbury, Martin, Porter. No. 158, Shields, Funk, Manderfield. No. 186, Stevenson, Filson, Boswell, Franklin. No. 187, Albertson, Barnes, Parsons. No. 211, Lee, Cartwright, Page, Pease. No. 227, Lilly. No. 230, Graeff, Brittain, Gerker. No. 240, Richardson. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Walton, Wildey, Baker, Randall, Hubbert, Walton. No. 271, Atkinson, Young. No. 274, Goddard. No. 289, Phillips, Anderson, Simpson, Hovey. No. 292, Stearne. No. 295, Baton. No. 296, Krickbaum. No. 308, Newberry.

Proxies: In all fifty-seven Lodges represented, thirty-seven by Members and twenty by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6.30 o'clock P. M.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 126, 232, 246, 292, 301, 313 and 316. Referred to Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 2, asking another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 21 asking another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 52 asking another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. Prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A similar application was read from Lodge No. 259 asking another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

Printed proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maine and Canada were received and referred to Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

Past Grand Master, Bro. William Whitney presented the following report which was accepted and ordered to be filed, as follows:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania present the following quarterly report: They examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer compared them with his vouchers and found them Correct, as follows:

Balance last account	$3,120 84
He has received Rent of stores	1,250 00
Dispensations	25 00
Dues Lodges, &c	665 00
	$5,060 84

He has paid Expenses, D. D. G. Masters	$41 00	
Expenses per G. M.'s order	132 25	
Hall Committee	879 63	
Premium on Insurance	573 00	
Interest on Loans	1,230 00	
Trustees Masonic Loans	2,000 00	
Expenses Gr. Treas. office	16 94	
Balance on hand	187 62	
		$5,060 84

They examined the Hall Committee's accounts and found them correct as follows:

Orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer from Nos. 277 to 288 both inclusive amounting to $3,030 88

Of this amount $2,131 was for Taxes on the Hall.

They have examined the accounts of Bro. William English, Chairman of the Trustees Grand Lodge Charity fund made up to Dec. 4th, 1862, compared them with the vouchers and found them correct showing a balance of cash in hands of $204 14

They also examined the certificates of the Masonic Loan, City Stock, &c., forming the investments of this fund and found them correct and deposited in the Fire proof of the Grand Secretary as required by a resolution of the Grand Lodge; they are as follows:

Masonic Loan	$6,850 00
Pittsburg Masonic Fund So. Loan	2,050 00
City Stock	4,800 00
Mortgages in Germantown	3,200 00
	$16,900 00

They examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loan, found them correct as follows:

On the $110,000 Loan.

Balance as per last account	$879 00
Paid since	753 00
Balance on hand uncalled for	$126 00

On the $41,000 Loan.

On hand as per last account	$19 50
Amount appropriated	1,230 00
	$1,249 50
Paid since	1,140 00
	$109 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
JOHN L. GODDARD, ROBERT CLARK.

PHILADA., Dec. 8th, 1862.

The following report from the Committee of Finance, was read, and approved, and, on motion ordered to be printed, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully present the following Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1862. Your Committee have examined Quarterly the accounts of the Hall Committee, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, and have found them uniformly correct. In our Annual Report we feel bound again to call to the notice of the Grand Lodge, the very neat, correct, and business-like manner in which the account books and records of the Grand Lodge are kept by the Officers having charge of them. The full and ample vouchers they have taken, and the uniform faithfulness with which the true interests of the Grand Lodge have been cared for. They now present a condensed statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, as follows:

He has received—

Balance last account	$66 89
Dues from Lodges	20,799 56
Dispensations	1,227 97
Rents of stores	8,291 76
Warrants new Lodges	162 00
Return premium insurance	712 60
	$31,260 68

He has paid—

Trustees Masonic Loan	$15,303 88
Hall Committee	4,223 31
Taxes	2,131 00
Premiums for policies of Insurance	573 00
Interest on Masonic Loan	5,898 00
Orders of Grand Master	217 75

D. D. Grand Masters' Expenses	$520 28
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	1,036 40
Grand Tyler's salary and expenses	216 57
Printing	261 09
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	637 50
Discount on uncurrent money	18 61
Expenses Grand Treasurer, and postage	35 67
Balance on hand	187 62
	$31,260 68

We next submit a condensed statement of payments of interest on Masonic Loan.

On the $110,000 Loan.

Balance on hand last Report	$97 50	
Appropriated	3,438 00	
		$3,535 50
Paid this year		3,409 50
Balance uncalled for		$126 00

On the $41,000 loan.

Balance on hand last report	$205 50	
Appropriated	2,460 00	
		$2,665 50
Balance uncalled for		2,556 00
Balance uncalled for		$109 50

The Committee have, after consultation with the proper Officers and Committees, made the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1863.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Dues from Lodges, &c., &c	$18,000 00
Dispensations, Warrants, &c	1,200 00
Rents of stores	6,000 00
	$25,200 00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Loans:	
On outstanding of $110,000 Loan, Jan. 1863	$1,395 00
Do. do. do. July "	1,395 00
On the $41,000 Loan, April "	1,230 00
Do. do. Oct. "	1,230 00

Hall Committee:		
Labor of hired man	$450 00	
Do. do. women	312 00	
Taxes	2,300 00	
Fuel	500 00	
Gas	1,100 00	
Water Rents and sewerage	68 00	
Incidentals	570 00	
		$5,300 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses		1,500 00
Grand Master's expenses		500 00
Do. to pay insurance on furniture		200 00
D. D. Grand Master's expenses		500 00
Grand Treasurer's salary and expenses		250 00
Grand Tyler's expenses		200 00
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	$1,440 00	
Less Interest on Pittsburg Loan	123 00	
		1,317 00
		$15,017 00
Leaving an apparent surplus in reduction of Grand Lodge debt		$10,183 00

Your Committee append for the information of the brethren the following statement of the Loans of the Grand Lodge.

Outstanding per Report of last year	$73,200 00
Purchased and redeemed this year	16,800 00
Leaves balance	$56,400 00

Divided between the Loans as follows:

Unpaid last year of the $110,000 Loan	$57,300 00	
Purchased since	10,800 00	
		$46,500 00
Unpaid last year of the $41,000 Loan	$15,900 00	
Purchased since	6,000 00	
		9,900 00
		$56,400 00

In conclusion we present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the usual resolutions of appropriation for the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET, ROBERT CLARK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11, 1862.

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made for fiscal year ending November 15, 1862.

Hall Committee	$5,300 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	1,500 00
Do. insurance on furniture	200 00
Grand Master	500 00
Expenses D. D. Grand Masters	500 00
Grand Treasurer's expenses and salary	250 00
Grand Tyler's salary	200 00
Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,317 00
	$9,767 00

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the following amounts and dates, to pay interest on Masonic Loan.

January 1, 1863	$1,395 00
July 1, 1863	1,395 00
April 1, 1863	1,230 00
October 1, 1863	1,230 00

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and adopted, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge respectfully present the following report: At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held on December 1st, 1862, the following preamble and resolution was offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley and referred to the Committee, "to wit:"

WHEREAS many of the Subordinate Lodges have generously remitted the dues of such of their members as have attached themselves to the Army of the United States. It would be fitting and becoming in the Grand Lodge to remit the dues of every such member to the said Lodges. Therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge remit the dues of the Subordinate Lodges of any Member thereof who has joined the army of the United States. Your Committee after consideration feel bound to report that in consequence of the resolution offered by Bro. Riley conflicting with the 5th Section of the Ahiman Rezon, your Committee therefore report it with a negative recommendation as under the present custom and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, all applications for remission of Grand Lodge dues must be made by the subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge and be referred to the appropriate committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
JOHN L. GODDARD, MICHAEL NISBET,
Committee of Finance.

PHILADA., Decr. 11th, 1862.

The Report of the Committee on By-laws was received and adopted as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: That they have carefully examined and considered the Several By-laws and Amendments to By-laws referred to them, and when the necessary corrections are made as pointed out the adoption of the following: Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 126, 246, 292 and 233, and to the By-laws Lodges Nos. 301, 313 and 316. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

DEC. 15th, 1862.

The following report was read, approved, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

PHILADELPHIA, December 15, A. D. 1862—A. L. 5862.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, respectfully report:

That they have received from the various sources of revenue, from Nov. 15, 1861, to Nov. 15, 1862		$1,683 60
Balance as per last annual report		174 54
Total		$1,858 14
They have appropriated and paid upon orders issued by the R. W. G. Master, to the use of the Board of Almoners	$1,500 00	
Refunded to St. John's Lodge, No. 115, as per resolution of Grand Lodge	154 00	
Total		$1,654 00
Balance in hands of Trustees		$204 14

The only transaction of the current year that may need explanation, relates to the one hundred and fifty-four dollars ($154.00) refunded to St. John's Lodge, No. 115, as per resolution of the Grand Lodge.

The accompanying statements, marked A and B, will show the details of the receipts and payments, as well as the amount and character of the securities held by the Trustees for the Fund, committed to their charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. ENGLISH, JOS. S. RILEY,
JNO. WILSON, WM. S. BLACK,
Trustees G. L. C. Fund.

STATEMENT A.

Showing the receipts and payments by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, for the year ending November 15, 1862, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

1862.			
Jan'y 1,	To	Balance, as per last annual report.....	$174 54
" 13,	"	Balance Subscription Grand Lodge for 1861....	637 50
" 13,	"	Interest on $6,350, Masonic Loan.....	190 50
" 13,	"	" " $4,800, City Loan	136 80
" 13,	"	" " $2,050, Pittsburg Masonic Loan....	184 50
Feb'y 4,	"	" " $3,200, Germantown mortgage.....	96 00
May 9,	"	" " $500, Masonic Loan	15 00
July 9,	"	" " $4,800, City Loan	136 80
" 9,	"	" " $6,350, Masonic Loan	190 50
" 28,	"	" " $3,200, Germantown mortgage.....	96 00
	Total	.....	$1,858 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan'y 13,	By cash refunded to St. John's Lodge, No. 115	$154 00
Jan'y 28,	By cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners,	500 00
April 3,	By cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners,	300 00
July 10,	By cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners,	300 00
Oct. 6,	By cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners,	400 00
	Total	$1,654 00
	Balance in hands of Trustees.....	$204 14

STATEMENT B.

Showing the amount and character of the securities now held in trust for the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, viz.:

Certificate	No.	178,	Masonic	Loan.....	$500 00
"	"	179,	"	"	500 00
"	"	180,	"	"	500 00
"	"	181,	"	"	500 00
"	"	182,	"	"	500 00
"	"	183,	"	"	500 00
"	"	184,	"	"	500 00
"	"	185,	"	"	500 00
"	"	186,	"	"	500 00
"	"	187,	"	"	500 00
"	"	188,	"	"	500 00
"	"	189,	"	"	500 00
"	"	190,	"	"	150 00

Certificate No. 216, Masonic Loan		$200 00
" " 13, " " (Second,)		500 00
" " 419, Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society Stock		1,050 00
" Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society Loan		500 00
" Pittsburg Masonic Fund Society Loan		500 00
" No. 17,017, Six per-cent. City Loan,		400 00
" " 17,018, " " " " "		400 00
" " 17,663, " " " " "		800 00
" " 20,050, " " " " "		1,700 00
" " " " " " "		1,500 00
Mortgage on house and lot—Germantown		3,200 00
Subscriptions of Grand Lodge, (eight years @ $3,000 per year,)	$24,000 00	
Less amount Pittsburg Masonic Loan and Stock, transferred to this Fund	2,050 00	
		21,950 00
Total		$38,850 00

The following report from the Committee of Appeals was read and the resolution affixed thereto was adopted, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of the application of Union Lodge, No. 291, to have removed the sentence of Suspension passed by that Lodge on —— ——— for unmasonic conduct the Committee on Appeals respectfully report, That they are without information as to the unmasonic conduct of the Brother leading to his suspension and therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to grant the request of Lodge No. 291.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

DEC. 1, 1862.

The following report from the Committee on Appeals was also read and the resolution appended thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals on the application of Lodge No. 60 asking the Grand Lodge to remove the vote of Expulsion from —— ——— who was Expelled for gross unlawful and adulterous intercourse and bringing disgrace upon the Lodge respectfully submit the following: *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the application of said Lodge.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

DEC. 1, 1862.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, submitted the following Report, which was approved and referred for publication:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Masonic Loan, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the said trustees, respectfully submits the following statement of their proceedings during the past year, as per account of Peter Williamson, Esq., Treasurer, up to December 14th, 1861. Also, a statement of the whole amount of investments made up to same date, with a view of showing the reduction of the debt on the Loans ordered by the Grand Lodge.

Trustees of Masonic Loans in account with Peter Williamson, Treasurer.

1861.		Dr.	
Dec. 4,	To Balance as per former account		$157 37
1862.			
Feb. 7,	To cash from the Grand Lodge		1,610 12
" 10,	" " "		2,591 19
" 12,	" " "		859 10
" 20,	" " "		1,008 16
Mar. 5,	" " "		1,018 34
" 8,	" " "		353 75
" 26,	" " "		2,750 00
April 25,	" " "		1,113 22
" 25,	" " "		2,000 00
May 21,	To interest received on Loans		822 00
Nov. 13,	" cash from Grand Lodge		2,000 00
Dec. 4,	" interest received on Loans		1,089 00
			$17,372 25

1862.	Cr.	
Feb. 7,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	$1,610 12
" 10,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	1,006 84
" 10,	By amount purchased of the $41,000 Loan, and interest to date	1,584 35
" 12,	By amount purchased of the $41,000 Loan, and interest to date	250 35
" 12,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	609 10
" 20,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	1,008 16
Mar. 5,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	513 16
" 5,	By amount purchased of the $41,000 Loan, and interest to date	505 34
" 6,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	353 75
" 26,	By amount purchased of the $41,000 Loan, and interest to date	2,750 75

April 25,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	$611 30
" 25,	By amount purchased of the $41,000 Loan, and interest to date	501 92
Dec. 3,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	3,587 50
" 9,	By amount purchased of the $110,000 Loan, and interest to date	1,693 72
" 9,	By amount purchased of the $41,000 Loan, and interest to date	455 24
	By balance cash on hand	331 91
		$17,372 25

RECAPITULATION.

DR.

To balance of cash on hand	$157 37	
" " " from Grand Lodge	15,303 88	
" " " Interest on Loans	1,911 00	
		$17,372 25

CR.

By purchase of the $41,000 Loan	$6,000 00	
" " " $110,000 "	10,800 00	
" interest paid to time of purchase	240 34	
" balance of cash on hand	331 91	
		$17,372 25

AMOUNT OF LOANS, AS PER STATEMENT, DECEMBER, 1861.

DR.

Total balance due, as per last report	$73,200 00	
Amount purchased since	16,800 00	
Leaves balance of		$56,400 00

Which agrees with both Loans.

CR.

Balance due on the $41,000 Loan	$15,900 00	
Purchased since	6,000 00	
Balance still due		$9,900 00
Balance due on the $110,000 Loan	$57,300 00	
Purchased since	16,800 00	
Balance still due		$46,500 00
Making a total		$56,400 00

Errors and omissions excepted.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary to Trustees.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15th, 1862.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report. Which was approved, and the resolution attached thereto adopted.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, That they have received since their last report, presented March 2d, A. L. 5861, from interest and dividends on investments, the sum of.... $2,530 65
From premium on specie 3 51
From interest on deposits 40 12

Making a total income of $2,574 28
To which add the balance on deposit to the credit of the Bequest at last report..... 822 73

Making a total of $3,397 01
Of this sum the trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treasurer to the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund, the sum of..... 2,000 00

Leaving a balance of $1,397 01
To which add the principal of 14 certificates of the Grand Lodge, exclusive of interest which is included in the item of income 7,000 00

$8,397 01

The above amount has been invested in the name of the Trust, as follows, to wit:

Coupon Bond No. 64, $1,000. Camden and Amboy 6's of 1889, at 82½, $825. B'kge, $2.50..... $827 50
Three Bonds Nos. 427, 428, 429, of 6 per cent. State Loan of $3,000,000 ..... 3,000 00
4 Certificates Nos. 12,709, 12,710, 12,711, and 16,315, U. S. Loan $3,500, interest $25.20..... 3,525 20

$7,352 70
To which add balance on deposit to credit of the Trust..... 1,044 31

$8,397 01

Since the last report the trustees have transferred and surrendered 14 certificates of the Loans of the Grand Lodge Nos. 229, 230, 231, 232 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, amounting to the sum of $7,000, agreeably to the resolution of March 7th, 1859, which has been re-invested agreeably to the same resolution; as per above and foregoing statement.

The investments of the Bequest are as follows, to wit:

2 Certificates Masonic Loan 1853, Nos. 1 and 2 each $250....	$500 00
6 Certificates Masonic Loan 1853, Nos. 243 to 248 both inclusive, $500	3,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co., due 1864, No. 473	1,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co., due 1864, No. 474	3,000 00
1 Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co., due 1864 No. 475	2,500 00
1 Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co., due 1864 No. 477	500 00
3 Coupon Bonds Camden and Amboy R. R. Co., due 1889, Nos. 46, 64, 200, $1,000.....	3,000 00
3 Certificates Penna. 6 per cent. War Loan of 1861, Nos. 427, 428, 429, $1,000.....	3,000 00
2 Certificates Penna. R. R. Co. Stock, Nos. 15,525, 15,527, 50 shares each $2,500.....	5,000 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 165, 297 shares $10.....	2,970 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 168, 477 shares $10.....	4,770 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 169, 100 shares $10.....	1,000 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 172, 48 shares $10.....	480 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 177, 50 shares $10	500 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 200, 80 shares $10.....	800 00
1 Certificate Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan, No. 211, 190 shares $10.....	1,900 00
1 Certificate Philadelphia City 6 per cent. Loan, due 1892, No. 3,222	1,000 00
1 Certificate Philadelphia City 6 per cent. Loan, due 1889, No. 11,715	1,000 00
1 Certificate Philadelphia City 6 per cent. Loan, due 1876, No. 11,768	100 00
1 Certificate Philadelphia City 6 per cent. Loan, due 1889, No. 250, free of tax	3,000 00
3 Certificates U. S. 7 3-10ths per cent. Loan 1861, Nos. 12,709, 12,710, 12,711, $1,000.....	3,000 00
1 Certificate U. S. 7 3-10ths per cent. Loan 1861, No. 16,315...	500 00

The Trustees offer the usual Resolution for an appropriation to the use of the Stewards.

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, for the year ending June 1st, A. L. 5863, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All which is respectfully submitted, April 4, A. L. 5862.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, ANTH. BOURNONVILLE,
DAVID JAYNE, DAVID BOYD.

No further business presenting itself; the Grand Lodge closed in peace, at quarter to eight o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADA., Decr. 27th, A. L. 5862.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. G. Master. David C. Skerrett, R. W. D. G. M. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. Saml. C. Perkins, Sr. G. Deacon. Robert Clark, Jr. G. Deacon. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Robert King, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. Edward Massin, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers and William H. Odenheimer, G. Chaplains. James Harper, James Page, James Hutchinson, P. G. Masters. Bros. Lilly and Ancona, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Cregar, Samuel and Robert C. Floyd. No. 3, Ingram, Skerrett, Hatfield, Davis, Maguire. No. 19, Tiel, Master, Thomas, Thornley, McGinnis, Hand. No. 21, Muench. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Woodside, Thompson, Bouvier, Bateman. No. 52, Ferguson, Hanold, Schrack, Wilson, Sr., Brice. No. 59, Adams, Gibson, Coburn, J. L. and G. L. Taylor, Kelly, Read. No. 67, Roberts, Bolt, Worthington, Reess, Loudenslager, McIlree, Hutchinson. No. 71, Jones, Schnider, Wollridge, Price, Burns. No. 72, Ashton, W. S. and C. S. Abbott, Kelly, Phillips, Hoffman, White, Irvin, Thomas. No. 81, Dickson, Davidson. No. 91, Boone, S. C. Perkins, Connolly, Barry. No. 114, Buckingham, Clark, Harper, Brooks. No. 115, Webb, Kraft, Yost. No. 121, Vaux. No. 125, Trau, Remak, Norwitz, Maag. No. 126, De Groote, Page. No. 130, Young, Ebert. No. 131, Alkins. No. 134, Van Cleve, Murphy, Becker, Maas, Keyser, King, Hedges. No. 155, Woodbury, Martin, Collins, Masson. No. 158, Manderfield, Weatherly. No. 186, Franklin, Russell, Filson. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Morris, Bennett, Cartwright. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 227, Ancona. No. 236, Gelston. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Baker, Watson. No. 271, Atkinson, Wert. No. 274, Goddard, Pedrick. No. 287, McCandless. No. 292, Stearn. No. 296, Krickbaum, Toole, Roberts. No. 340, Robb.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. H. Adams, Peter Williamson, James Page,

John Thornley, James Ferguson, Jacob Loudenslager, Richard Vaux, David C. Skerrett, Lucius H. Scott.

Fifty-four Lodges Represented, thirty-nine by Members and fifteen by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at half-past Ten o'clock A. M.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 339 and Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 130 and 219 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following report from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, was read, approved, and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned on behalf of the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following report of their proceedings for the year ending, December 26th, 1862. In the performance of their official duty they have distributed relief to eighty-four poor and respectable brethren, to wit:

To 67 applicants hailing under this jurisdiction.....				$1,680 00
" 17	"	"	" foreign, to wit:	
2 from	France.....		$20 00	
1 "	Ireland		10 00	
1 "	England		10 00	
1 "	Belgium		45 00	
1 "	Nova Scotia		25 00	
2 "	New York		30 00	
1 "	New Jersey		25 00	
1 "	Maine		15 00	
1 "	New Hampshire		30 00	
1 "	Iowa		20 00	
1 "	Illinois		20 00	
1 "	Ohio		10 00	
1 "	Georgia		25 00	
2 "	Louisiana		42 22	
				327 22
Total amount of relief granted.....				$2,007 22
Balance on hand December 26th, 1861.....				$95 87
Interest accruing on deposits by Treasurer.....				6 35
Amount appropriated for use of Stewards for the year, 1862,				2,000 00
Total				$2,102 22
From which deduct total amount of relief granted.....				2,007 22
Leaves a Balance on hand December 26, 1862.....				$95 00

It will be observed on comparing this with the last annual report, that there has been a considerable increase of the number of applicants hailing under foreign jurisdictions, this circumstance may be attributed to the fact, that many of the sick and wounded soldiers in the Hospitals of this City are Masons, some of whom, when they are discharged, are in want of means to defray their expenses home, several have applied to the Stewards for aid, and all found worthy, have been assisted. During the year, several of the recipients hailing under this jurisdiction have died, it is, however, a consolatory reflection, that they were not permitted to suffer from want, as the last moments of departing life were soothed by the hands of fraternal benevolence.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

The Annual Report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, was read, approved, and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Board of Almoners. and in compliance with the requirements of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, make the following report for the year ending, December 27th, 1862.

Received for distribution from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund		$1,500 00
The distributions have been as follows:		
On 141 applications from widows of deceased members	$1,450 00	
On 3 applications from daughters of deceased members	40 00	
On 1 application from a mother of a deceased member	10 00	
Total amount distributed		$1,500 00

The money thus appropriated was distributed as follows, viz.:

To widows and orphans of members of Lodges within this jurisdiction	$1,370 00	
To widows and orphans of members of other Lodges under the jurisdiction of the following Grand Lodges in the United States, viz.:		
Grand Lodge of Delaware	$50 00	
" " " New Jersey	40 00	
" " " New York	20 00	
" " " Illinois	10 00	
And from Ireland	10 00	
	$130 00	
		$1,500 00

The operations of the new By-laws under which the Board have acted during the past year has had the effect to change, somewhat, the character of the recipients of this bounty as regards Masonic relations of the brethren at the time of their death to this or other Grand Lodges, and to result, as will be seen by the foregoing report, in the distribution of the bulk of the fund among widows and orphans of brethren who were connected with Lodges in our own jurisdiction. The object sought by this alteration of the By-laws is thus successfully obtained. The Almoners have on hand the petitions of several worthy applicants whose wants remain unprovided for, owing to the fund having been previously exhausted. In this connection it is gratifying to know, that through the action of the Grand Lodge, the incoming Board will have a larger amount for distribution among the special objects of this charity during the ensuing year, and thus possess more extended opportunity to grant that relief which *so* beautifully illustrates true Masonic principles. There are many brethren who have a very imperfect idea of the operation of this arm of the Grand Lodge, to such, we desire to express the hope that they will become more intimately acquainted with its work of sympathy for the distressed, believing that this is all that is necessary to induce the members of the Grand Lodge to place the capital of the Board beyond the possibility of failure, and thus enable the classes, as they pass through their appointed time, to make such report of their labor as will, at the end of each Masonic year, merit approbation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON, *President.*

Report of the Committee on By-laws.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the several By-laws and Amendments referred to them and recommend as follows: That the Amendment to the By-laws of Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, be approved. That the Amendment to the By-laws of St. John's Lodge, No. 219, be approved. As to the By-laws of Hyde Park Lodge, No. 339, Art. I, Sec. 2, strike out the figures "½" after the figure "6." Art. V, between the words "respective" and "places" insert "Stations and." Art. VII, after the word "Brethren" insert "keep accurate accounts thereof." Art. X, Sec. 3, before the words "meeting next subsequent" insert "stated." Art. XI, before the words "ten dollars" strike out the words "at least." Art. XIX, strike out all after the words "seem just" to the end of the article. Art. XXVI, Sec. 1, strike out the words "they in their judgments may deem proper" and insert "the Lodge may direct." And that with these alterations said By-laws be approved. All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS, *For Committee.*

Bro. Richard Vaux, Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, read the following report.

The Committee of Correspondence, viz.: Bros. Richard Vaux, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, John U. Giller and Edward Robins, through its Chairman, asks leave to report:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. Y. M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary has transmitted to your Committee the following proceedings and documents from the several Right Worshipful Grand Bodies of the Craft, viz.:

Maryland	Annual Com	May 12, '62	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Quart. Com	March, June, Sept., Dec., '61.	Boston.
Indiana	Annual Com	May, '62	Indianapolis.
Wisconsin	18th An. Com	June, '62	Milwaukee.
Canada	7th An. Com	July, '62	St. Catharines.
Oregon	11th An. Com	Sept., '61	Salem.
Vermont	Annual Com	Jan'y, '62	Burlington.
California	13th An. Com	May, '62	San Francisco.
New York	Special Com. Dec., 1861. Annual Com. June, 1862.	'61 and '62	New York.
Missouri	42d An. Com	May, '62	St. Louis.
Nebraska	5th An. Com	June, '62	Omaha.
Illinois	21st An. Com	Oct., '61	Springfield.
District Columbia	Semi-Annual	May, '61.	Washington.
	Annual Com	Nov., '61.	
New Hampshire	Semi-Annual	Dec., '61.	Concord.
	Annual Com	June, '61.	
New Jersey	75th An. Com	Jan'y, '62	Trenton.
Michigan	Annual Com	Jan'y, '62	Detroit.
Connecticut	Annual Com	May, '62	New Haven.
Rhode Island	Annual Com	Aug., '61	Providence.
Maine	Annual Com	May, '62	Portland.
England	Quart. Com. and other Com	Mar., '61, to Sept., '62, inclusive	London.

It will not fail to impress the Brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, as it has your Committee, with sentiments of sincere regret, that so many of our sister Grand Lodges of the States of North America have failed to present us their usual annual salutations. The vacant places in our list cause us to mourn. We recall the names of these absent members of the Masonic family, and wait with anxious solicitude for tidings from these "prodigal sons," who have, without cause, gone away from happy association under the roof of our Temple, in separation from kindred, as in a strange land. Brethren, why have you left us? Wherefore have you with-

drawn from our communion? Why do you withhold your hand and refuse the grip of affection which we have made between us? For what cause do you omit your accustomed words of brotherly love, to which our ears have become familiar? Why, Brethren, why is it? When the tribe-men of Naphtali were gathered from the valleys of Tyre; and burden-bearers from the mountains of Lebanon, that union of craftsmen was established to build a Temple, dedicated to the united and indissoluble ties, which, from then and for ever, were to be the common heritage of our fraternity. This Temple still stands. The pure and true light of Faith, Hope and Charity yet burns within it. Neither the noise of the iron hammer of discord, nor the sound of interference from the wooden setting maul, have ever been heard in its chambers. In its porches the applications for help are never made in vain. In its banqueting-hall, that recognition which goes round the world, has always been heartily accorded. Why then, seek to break these bonds, which, like the willow withe, yielding but strong, have so long united us. Why then, try to sever those ties which have grown venerable from age, and have been sanctified in every clime, by baptism, in so many perils and sacrifices? What strange features are there in our temporary intestine troubles, which have not been before found in war, revolution and civil strife, and yet during which, our fathers met around the Masonic altar in united prayers for safety and security, or mingled their joy at the return of happiness and peace. Craftsmen! brothers of the Masonic fraternity! we neither entreat you as inferiors, nor assume to counsel, as holier than you. We speak to you as Masons. We address you in a tongue which we can use, and you understand. What does Masonry teach us? What has it ever taught? When, in the dim light of the daydawn of civilization, the safety, security and perpetuity of rights and privileges were first found to be best secured by the then unknown principle of strength in Union, the foundation of our Order was laid. Its corner-stone rested upon eternal truth. Never in any trial or calamity testing its virtues; or in any upheaving of social or political systems, has its enclosure been broken down. Shall it be in this latter day, in this age of light and knowledge, with the experience of centuries crowning the glories of our history; shall it be in the United States of America, this last-born of Earth's nations, that a Joshua-like spirit is to arise out of our Craft, with a horn, taken from the Masonic altar and filled with sounds of evil voices, to break down the walls of our Temple, built as a defense against its enemies? No, Brethren, no; by our vows, older that Christianity—by our faith, which to be broken is to be dishonored—by our history, more glorious than that of empires—by our works, more lasting than time—by our hopes, brighter than any, but such as are tinged by the promises of eternal life—by the great future, which demands of us to do for posterity that which has been done by our fathers for us;

of the scornful. Come to us in the spirit of love, as we will go to you, in the spirit of harmony. Let us all, go, together, Brethren, let us not destroy our heritage, or give it over to the reproach to seek the lost blessings of unity, peace, and concord. Let us go, not in separation, but in unity—as Craftsmen, Masons, having but one hope, one faith, one future. Has Masonry taught its lessons for ages in vain? Have all the virtues of the fathers, and all the traditions of the Order, lost their power for good? Above all, in the name of honor, integrity and truth, can solemn vows be broken and plighted faith be disregarded, as idle words? Even for "idle words" there is an accountability. In memory of those voluntary relations and those solemn obligations, which you, Brethren, individually invoked for time and eternity, we call upon you to rise and come back to that communion and fellowship which is only known, where brother meets brother in the patriarchal home of our ancestral Faith. Your Committee finds sincere satisfaction in noticing, that in the proceedings of those Right Worshipful Grand Lodges here acknowledged, with but one or two exceptions which have not received our own Grand Lodge transactions, the most fraternal mention is made of the Masonic character and position of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This is most gratifying. It is indeed cause for satisfaction, that, especially now, when troubles from without, and many interesting questions within our borders, are exciting the attention of the Craft, the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge are regarded with increasing respect and confidence. Pennsylvania, by her geographical position, her ancient name, her relations with other States, her conservative opinions, her past history and her influence, is an important sovereignty on our continent. This is equally true of her Masonic position. This Grand Lodge is, without effort and with noiseless step, advancing in the dignity of latent power and conscious rectitude, with her sister Grand Lodges, to the maintenance and preservation of the principles of Free Masonry. She has sought to impress the Craft with the responsibility which attaches to the mission of our Order. To inculcate those duties which belong to our traditionary name. To stimulate all to a devotion to those landmarks which are essential to our safety. With these aims, she has spoken with affectionate warning, and with fraternal admonition. It is, therefore, that your Committee rejoices to find that all the Grand Lodges refer to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with respect and esteem. This is encouraging. It shows plainly that Masonic forbearance with one another's convictions, properly expressed, still marks Masonic intercourse. It proves that speaking the truth with all boldness, fraternally and in season, is not repelled by true Masonic minds. We ask to renew our suggestion, that some effective mode be adopted by which the published transactions of the various Grand Lodges shall be promptly transmitted to their destination. Would

it not be advisable, that St. John's Day of each year should be fixed as the period for concluding the year's labors, so far as their publication is concerned, and that as soon thereafter as the printed matter is ready for distribution, it be sent to the several Grand Bodies in correspondence. This at least, as a suggestion, might be considered. If any other more suitable is made, let it be adopted. Our wish is, that prompt and contemporary transmission and receipt, should attend the interchange of those Masonic papers. It may not be improper to notice that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada is still disturbed by efforts to maintain in that jurisdiction one or more Lodges, which acknowledged the jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England. We have fully, heretofore, expressed our opinion on this question. The principle is too plain to need argument in its support. It can be succinctly stated thus: that an organization of Masons claiming to be a Grand Lodge of the Craft, can only maintain that claim when its jurisdiction is sovereign and co-extensive with its geographical limits. Else confusion and discord would follow conflicts of Masonic authority. Else Grand Lodges would be in name simply this, and nothing more. We therefore trust in all sincerity, that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada will make persistent efforts to maintain her sovereignty. She owes it to her position, to the principles which underlie the formation of Grand Lodges, to the harmony of the Craft, to the security and perpetuity of the Order and discipline of Free Masonry. We will aid her by our expressed opinions of the propriety of this course of conduct, because, though a question existing within her borders, now, it is one which is important to every Grand Lodge. We therefore plainly speak. Let the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada maintain her authority, and if no other means can induce these Lodges to submit to the allegiance which they owe to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in which territory they are located, then declare them clandestine, because not recognized by the sovereign Masonic jurisdiction in which they are claiming to work. We are pleased to find that the propriety of one Lodge conferring the rights and privileges of the Order on persons residing within the bounds of another Lodge, without notice to that local authority, is attracting Masonic notice. We are fully aware that no landmark forbids such action. We know that any rule of action in the premises can only be established by the force of comity and sound judgment. The evils that sometimes arise from these proceedings are most injurious, yet it is not proposed to legislate for their redress. Sound policy, the best interests of the Order, fraternal relations, and the ordinary respect and comity which should govern subordinate Lodges, alike dictate care and caution, when it is believed a candidate can have his wish gratified by applying to a Lodge nearest to his residence, and where he is best known to the members. We hope this subject will not be overlooked by the Grand Lodge authorities. If it is

at a proper time made the cause for Masonic admonition by Right Worshipful Grand Masters, the evils will gradually disappear. From what has been already remarked, it is not needful to refer to the question, which for some time has remained unadjusted, between the Grand Lodges of Maine and England. We notice it, however, only to bring it within the range of the opinions herein expressed on Grand-Lodge sovereignty. The necessary and natural sensitiveness which should ever exist in relation to conflict of jurisdiction or authority, is felt equally by Masonic, as other powers. From a perusal of the minutes of the Grand Lodges of the West and Northwest portions of this country, it is to be remarked that great activity exists, everywhere, in our Institution. It is especially noteworthy, that greater care and more close attention is bestowed on the proceedings of subordinate Lodges in these States. They are being taught that Free Masonry is *sui generis* in all its requirements. That its best interests are observed when it rigidly enforces all and each of its peculiar and esoteric characteristics. That it flourishes best, and yields the rarest and richest fruit, when its cultivates exclusively its own growth, on the foundations laid far back in man's history. Separated, as it must, and ought ever to be, from every alliance, other than that which itself alone and only institutes, its integrity can be maintained and its efforts for good be made successful. Self-interest, sordid motives, ambition, gain: all such incentives which live and grow in the outside world, should be forever debarred from entrance into the convocations of the Craft. Supervision of conduct and language of others, and circumspection of our own, like picket guards, should stand sleeplessly over our fraternity, individually and collectively. At every cost, and great sacrifices, each Mason should stand by the landmarks, and live up to the teachings and traditions he has learned. He should be inspired with that moral courage which is willing to dare and do the whole duty which they all demand. He should never forget, that his is neither the right nor the power to alter the faith as he received it, and which he is solemnly required to hand down to the youngest workman in the Temple. We feel it would be a remissness not to record our satisfaction at the evidence found of the increasing prosperity of the Craft in these several Right Worshipful Grand Lodges, and at the same time the growing desire shown to make Masonry conform to its own ancient and honorable character. Seek not to attract, by either dramatic effect, theatrical display, or over-excited curiosity, those who mistake forms for substance. There are many who are satisfied with a little learning. Masonry is not complete in types or figures. Its first lesson may be by symbols. If the student of its mysteries is imbued with an earnest desire to acquire a mastery over the last and best of its teachings, he will find, as he advances to their study, that he is met by the sternest principles which revealed truth has ever proclaimed from Horeb, or Sinai, or Calvary. Masonry requires no extrinsic effort for propa-

gandism or proselytism. It is observed that in some Grand Lodge jurisdiction the constituted authority has granted dispensations for, or otherwise allowed the formation of, "Regimental or Army Lodges." This has been caused, no doubt, by members of the Order being in the army, or others so circumstanced, desiring to obtain the benefits of Free Masonry. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not extended these rights and privileges to peripatetic organizations. What might have been, or may hereafter be, her decision on this question, cannot be authoritatively stated. No case has yet arisen for her official action. Till it does, and she decides, your Committee is restrained from any statement or conjecture as to the judgment to be given. But apart from particular applications of a general principle, without attempting to prejudge or pre or exclude those views which attach to the consideration of this question, your Committee takes leave to notice it, as it relates to the best interests of the Craft everywhere. Free Masonry is neither an amusement, recreation, nor a pastime. It is a serious, solemn institution, for man's instruction, benefit, happiness and improvement. It is intended to elevate him, to teach him high virtues, and oversee their exemplification in his conduct. It is proposed to purify his moral life, invigorate its noblest impulses, sustain his efforts for securing the truest and best motives for individual action. It is believed its teachings and its practices are regenerating in their influence upon the moral inertia, which the outside world induces by its devotion to self-interest and individual and communital aggrandizement. It soothes the bitterness of prejudice. It gives the sting of remorse to passion. It ameliorates the miseries of man. It subordinates self to brotherhood. It ordains heroism and self-sacrifice in aid of suffering, and needs, and perils. It practices and teaches charity, in its broadest adaptation as a virtue, and in its narrowest application to necessities. It holds out hope to the desponding as a light, to retrace their wandering steps, mistaken in the gloom of their adversity. It points to that living Faith, which it bids the Brethren live by, as a guide and a support. That faith which it assures them, from the last uttered joy of the departed Brother, will enable its possessor to reach that temple where the Great Architect accepts the soul justified and made perfect by its efficacy. These are but imperfect sketches of the teachings of our Order. Serious, solemn and imposing lessons. The work which is required to produce their expected results, should partake of their real character. It is to be calmly considered if this can be well done, either on the field of battle, or the camp of an army. The surroundings and associations which naturally attend the elements of military bodies at rest, or in action, are not surely the best adapted to such a purpose. We know that the influences of our Order are most beneficial in victory or defeat, but the force of these influences should spring out of a conscientious conviction of their character, ready for operation in any emergency. It might be better, perhaps,

that the Mason should be a soldier, than because he is a soldier, he should seek to be a Mason. Since our last report, your Committee have opened a correspondence with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England, so that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England are now on terms of Masonic association. This is a matter for congratulation. It is hoped that ere long our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will be better understood and appreciated by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of other countries. We can at least believe, that whatever of advantage may thus accrue to us, they in return will not be losers by attention to the calm, conservative, ancient, free and accepted Masonry, which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has ever regarded as a true Masonic guide to her official action. Your Committee asks leave to add to its Report, the special report made to "The Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the North American Masonic Congress," in September last, as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of North America.

It has become the duty of the undersigned to address to you fraternal salutations, and call your attention to important questions pressing upon the Masonic fraternity in this hour of National trial.

In response to a previous call issued by the Grand Lodge of Maine, a Masonic Convention assembled at Chicago, Sept. 13, A. D. 1859, A. L. 5859, and elected—

Bro. Finlay M. King, of New York, President, and Samuel G. Risk, Louisiana, Secretary.

Thirteen Grand Lodges were there represented, and after deliberation, the basis of the North American Masonic Congress was adopted and sent out to the Grand Lodges of the country, for consideration. A permanent Committee of Correspondence was constituted, as follows:

Cyril Pearl, Maine, Chairman; A. T. Pierson, Minnesota; Albert G. Mackey, South Carolina; John L. Lewis, Jr., New York; Philip C. Tucker, Vermont; Giles M. Hillyer, Mississippi; Benj. B. French, District of Columbia; Elbert H. English, Arkansas; John Frizzelle, Tennessee.

In the event that *five* Grand Lodges should accept the Articles of Association, it was made the duty of the Chairman to certify the same to the Secretary, at New Orleans, who was thereby required to issue an invitation to all the Grand Lodges in North America, to meet in council, and consummate the organization at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 5, 1862; the place appointed for the triennial sessions of the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment of the United States. More than the requisite number of Grand Lodges had accepted the Articles of Association prior to the outbreak of the civil war, which

has convulsed our Nation and disturbed the peace of the world. Several others had reported in favor of the Congress, without final action. Since our national calamity has arisen, other Grand Officers and distinguished Masons, not before known to be in favor of the Congress, have urged the calling of a *National Masonic Convention*, for fraternal counsel, not so much for "the discussion of those *esoteric* subjects of ordinary times," as for a sincere endeavor to pour the oil of tranquillity on the troubled waters of national strife. If it is impossible to stay the deadly conflict, they would seek to alleviate its woes, and to spread the cement of brotherly love, when the storm, and tempest, and carnage, shall be overpast. In the beautiful language of our veteran Brother Moore, in his *Free Masons' Magazine*, for July:

"It is with the grand purposes and objects that must, as a matter of the most obvious duty to humanity, to our Order, and to our country; occupy the first and foremost place in the deliberations of the proposed convention of Grand Lodges, that we are now concerned. Those purposes and objects may all be expressed under one grand heading—*The duty, mode, and means of applying the balm of Free Masonry to the healing of the country's rankling wounds.*"

To these sentiments every true Masonic heart will respond with a generous impulse. *How*, *when*, and *where* shall such a convention be called? Since the convention at Chicago, several distinguished brothers, who shared its labors, have passed from earth. Among them, we remember the beloved Barker, of Rhode Island; Dunlap, of Maine; Tucker, of Vermont; Risk, of Louisiana; Stokes, of Ohio, and Melody, of Missouri. Their venerated forms will not meet us in the next convention. Bro. Risk cannot issue the call, nor Bro. Tucker report on Foreign Correspondence. Shall the meeting fail, therefore? Shall we stand upon strict formality when standard-bearers fall? If our brothers cannot meet us in material form, in spirit—with others, who left before them—Warren, Washington, King, Clay, Marshall, and their compeers—they will share and inspire our counsels.

There are four other members of the committee we are unable to reach by correspondence, Brothers Mackey, of South Carolina; Hillyer, of Mississippi; Frizzelle, of Tennessee, and English, of Arkansas. The responsibility of calling the Congress, therefore, rests with the other members. After correspondence, and consultation, they have decided to call—and they do by this Circular—call a meeting of the North American Masonic Congress, to be holden in the city of New York, on Friday, the fifth day of September, A. D. 1862, A. L. 5862, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. They desire to see all the Grand Lodges on this Continent then and there represented, for fraternal consultation, *unembarrassed by any previous action of the Congress, or of the Grand Lodges in reference to it.* In order to the greater freedom of deliberation, and efficiency of action, and in accordance with indications above referred to, the Committee invite all the Grand Lodges of North

America to assemble in Convention, at the said place of meeting, by their Grand Officers or Representatives, on Tuesday, the second day of September, at three o'clock, in the afternoon, for purposes so well expressed in the *Free Masons' Magazine*, above referred to. The time and place are chosen because the session of the Grand Encampment of the United States is called at New York, September 1, by the Most Excellent Grand Commander, B. B. French, who is a member of the Committee of the Congress. It is especially desired that the Officers and members of the Grand Encampment of General Grand Chapter should meet in council with the proposed Convention. The General Grand High Priest, Bro. Mackey, has his home in Charleston, South Carolina. He may not be able to meet or communicate with either the Convention or the General Grand Chapter.—If so, may not the members of that body meet informally, and join in the deliberations of the proposed Convention? The time is short. Many of the Grand Bodies may not be able to call meetings for definite action and formal appointments. For the purposes of consultation on the proposed Convention and Congress, the spontaneous action of the Grand Officers, or their authorized Representatives, is deemed sufficient. The Committee would gladly meet every noble-hearted brother whose spirit prompts to right action, whether he be a present or a past Grand Officer.

In behalf of the Permanent Committee of the North American Masonic Congress,

CYRIL PEARL, *Chairman, Secretary ad interim.*

REPLY.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At a Quarterly Grand Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Ancient York Masons, held September 1, your printed communication on behalf of the "Permanent Committee of the North American Masonic Congress," was received, read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence. Without noticing the prefatory history of the organization you represent, we understand that you invite the co-operation of "this Grand Lodge, or its Grand Officers, or representatives, or every noble-hearted brother whose spirit prompts to right action, whether a present or past Grand Officer, to a 'fraternal consultation, unembarrassed by any previous action of the Congress, or of the Grand Lodges, in reference to it,' 'not so much for the discussion of those *esoteric* subjects of ordinary times,' as for a sincere endeavor to pour the oil of tranquillity on the troubled waters of national strife."

This, we think, fairly presents the substance of your invitation. We recognize among the names of the Brethren uniting for the objects above mentioned, able, patriotic men, and bright lights in the Council-Halls of the Fraternity. The motives which actuate them, and the purpose they contemplate, are worthy of the unfeigned and uncon-

ditional admiration of the brotherhood and of humanity. Our God, our Country, and our Craft receive from all true Masons love, devotion and duty. The brethren in Pennsylvania believe themselves animated by these virtues, and seek to be guided by their dictates. They feel that, in the unobtrusive profession of this faith, they are not behind the most zealous in its legitimate demonstration. Therefore, it is that, in replying to your invitation, there are but two questions which require notice. The propriety of the formation of a National Grand Lodge, and its consequent powers and aims, are not now directly involved. On this subject the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has very decidedly spoken, and no reasons have been since suggested which have changed her opinion. The remaining question embraced in your communication requires fuller consideration. The principles and teachings of Masonry are circumscribed to those who, understandingly, embrace them. The "outside world" is not, even under the most favorable condition of its social or political systems, prepared to obey the one, or listen with willing hearts and minds to the other. The purity, self-sacrificing obedience, subordination, disinterestedness, charity, brotherly love and forbearance with each other, which should mark true Masons, find in the mind of mankind but little soil in which they can take root and grow. As an organization for the preservation and dissemination of these fundamental doctrines of Masonry, no great progress, real progress, has been lately made by it among nations or peoples. The standard of Masonic requirements is too high to be reached, without careful preparation. Hence, the scope of Masonic usefulness is narrowed to those who know and believe in the value of its influences. At this time of peril to our country, the still small voice of Masonic faith and practice has not, I fear, power enough to rise above the din of arms and the roar of the battle, and call the people to reflect on existing follies, vices, crimes, and their consequences—to gather into silence and consider, by the light of pure patriotism, what the end of these things will be. The effort, if made, would demand a condition of public affairs, which has not yet arisen, or it may be, has passed away. To undertake such a duty, and to fail, would not be justified by the consolation sought in the reflection, that the effort was made and was ineffectual. The effort, if made, would require a co-relation of means to the object, which at present appears hopeless of attainment.

No, the great duty of Masonry, at this crisis, is to point to her temple and the principles on which it was built, and on which it still rests—to promulgate before the world that the teachings of the Craft begun when centuries were young, and in all languages, among all nations, in war and in peace, they have never failed to benefit mankind, in prosperity or despair. And an equally important duty devolves upon us, to maintain, support and abide by the principles, landmarks and privileges of the Craft—to stand steadfast by the cardinal objects of the Fraternity—to hold in reverence the traditional

history of the Order. In times of excitement, or great public peril, let us calmly consider our action, lest zeal for the best cause, with the noblest incentives, may lead us to impair those powers for the general good of man, which attaches to our Order as a paramount duty, in the future of human progress. Thus, it seems, from the action of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in regard to your communication, to which I now reply, that she has not been able to regard it in such a light, as to convince her of the propriety of her concurrence in the plan your invitation suggests.

It is proper here to remark, that having only this morning received from the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge, your communication, and as your meeting takes place to-morrow, a fraternal regard and respect for the eminent men and brethren whom you represent, as well as the purpose of the meeting, requires a prompt reply. To accomplish this, it has not been possible to summon my colleagues on this Committee; therefore, I have taken the responsibility of addressing you this note, fully believing that they will sanction, as I sincerely trust you will appreciate, its spirit and its purpose.

With the most sincere regard and fraternal salutation to your Committee and yourself—clothed in that solemnity of feeling which this subject suggests, and trusting to the God and Father of all for that fortitude, strength and wisdom which makes man a patriot, and Masons good and true.

I am your brother, in the bonds of Free Masonry,

RICHARD VAUX,
Chairman Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

SEPT. 3, A. D. 1862.

To Right Worshipful Cyril Pearl, Chairman, Secretary, &c., P. C. N. A. C.

Your Committee, in conclusion, tenders to the several Committees of Correspondence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges to which reference has been made by us, the most fraternal and cordial brotherly love and esteem. Brethren, we have a common purpose in our labors, the welfare of the Craft, and the dignity of our calling. We feel it incumbent on all and each of us, to strive for the accomplishment of both. Let us be governed in these efforts by that courtesy and honesty and frankness which best marks the intercourse between Masons. This Committee cheerfully acknowledges such has ever been the manifestations it has received from you all.

Finally, let us, in this great epoch in man's history, exert all the influence of our Order, to maintain inviolate the neutral ground on which its Temple stands. Inviolate? Yes; so that there may be one pavilion, where the strife of tongues, sectional animosities, embittered feelings, hatred, malice, or uncharitableness can never enter. Inviolate? Yes! Where unity peace and concord infuse their benign

influences into the hearts and minds of those, who there, may and henceforward will salute each other as Brethren.

Farewell!

Respectfully submitted by

RICHARD VAUX,
Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, A. L. 5862.

When on motion of Brother Gustavus Remak and duly seconded, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing and the same be printed, and copies thereof furnished to each subordinate Lodge of this Jurisdiction, to each of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of the United States, of Canada, and of England.

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as refers to the alienation of the Southern Grand Lodges from the bond of our fraternity be printed in sufficient numbers to furnish each brother under this Jurisdiction with a copy thereof.

NOTE.—The foregoing Resolution was at a subsequent communication reconsidered, and the following adopted in lieu thereof, "to wit:"

Resolved, That every member of this Grand Lodge be furnished with a copy of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with an abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby extended to Brother Richard Vaux, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, for the great zeal displayed, and ability manifested in the discharge of his arduous duties.

Brother Richard Vaux presented a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge of New York, appointing him its representative.

When on motion duly made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That Brother Richard Vaux be, and he is hereby recognized as the representative from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

So much of the Minutes of Quarterly Communication, held December 1st, as related to the Election of Officers, was read and approved.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master after which delivered the following address:

BRETHREN: By the favor of that Supreme Being who said, "Let there be Light and there was Light," we are permitted to meet once more within our Temple, on this the Anniversary of our Patron Saint, in Peace and Harmony, to discharge the remaining duties of our office, and return our thanks for all the mercies of the past year, and the evidences of prosperity, which has attended the labors

of the several Lodges throughout the jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the deplorable calamity which has befallen us as a nation: a calamity which no human foresight can predict the result, or depth of skill measure its consequences, which has entailed suffering and misery to happy homes now desolate and afflicted: our several Lodges have prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations. Many of them have displayed a most commendable and liberal spirit towards those of their members, who from a sense of duty to their country, and a firm adherence to the principles of the "not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government," have manifested their fidelity by periling their lives on the battle-field in defense of the Union of the States, and in support of the Constitution and Laws of the country; entitling them most justly to our thanks and the proud title of patriotic defenders of their country's rights. May an all wise Providence look down in mercy upon the unhappy desolations of our once happy country, and speedily put an end to this fratricidal strife, by uniting us again in peace, under one government, protected by one flag. During my term of service as Grand Master, I have not made the usual formal Grand Visitations, thinking such a course at this time injudicious, but I have paid frequent personal visits to the different Lodges, in all of which I have been received with marked respect, and found them generally living up to the instructions afforded them by my able and intelligent predecessors. Various causes have operated to prevent me from paying that personal attention to the Lodges located beyond the City, but in order to make up for this seeming neglect, I have on several occasions availed myself of the valuable services of Past Grand Master Brother Barger, who kindly undertook this duty, and have no doubt, from his experience, and thorough knowledge of the work, much benefit has resulted from his labors. During the past year warrants have been granted to two new Lodges, viz.: Skerrett Lodge, No. 343, held at Cochranville, Chester County, and Milford Lodge, No. 344, held at Milford, Pike County. The former Lodge was constituted and its officers installed in this Hall, by the Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers: the latter Lodge by District Deputy Grand Master Brother Stewart, assisted by Past Grand Master Barger and others—brethren of that neighborhood. During the same period the number of Dispensations which have been granted are as follows, viz.:

To Pass and Raise 16
To Raise 6
To Pass the Chair 61
The number of Grand Lodge certificates issued..... 24

It will be observed that during my Grand Mastership, I have in no instance granted a dispensation to Enter, Pass, and Raise, although the applications growing out of our National troubles, have been more numerous than at any former period. My reasons for this cautious action were given in a former address to the Grand Lodge, and

they remain unchanged. In fact they have only been confirmed by experience, and I feel no hesitation in saying, that the less frequently this prerogative is exercised and the responsibility thrown upon the Lodge, where it properly belongs, the better it will be for the Order in general, and less likely to introduce the unworthy among us. From the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, I am happy to say that much improvement has resulted in the general work of the Lodges under their supervision, creating an impression that the time is not far distant when the much desired expectation will be realized, of more attention to the ceremonial of the Order, and uniformity in the work. The income of the Grand Lodge for the year 1862, has exceeded the expectation of the most sanguine, and the results are highly gratifying. The amount of the Grand Lodge debt was, December 27th, 1861.....$73,200 00
Of which there has been purchased this year..... 16,800 00

Leaving the Grand Lodge debt.....$56,400 00

When I say to you, my brethren, that since I have had the honor of being a member of this body, the annual income of the Grand Lodge from all sources for two consecutive years was less than $5,000, you will be better able to appreciate our present condition, when compared with the years 1834 and 1835.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounted, December 27th, 1861, to $35,800 00
And has been increased this year..... 3,254 14

Showing the present amount of said fund.....$39,054 14

The Stephen Girard bequest now amounts to.....$42,500 00

During the past year there has been dispensed from this fund $2,000, and from the Grand Lodge Charity Fund $1,500, for the relief of the proper recipients. The usual full and satisfactory reports have been received from the several Committees and Trustees having charge of the same, and will appear in the annual publication of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, which renders it unnecessary that I should further and more particularly allude to them. Before closing these remarks, however, I should do violence to my own feelings, and be found wanting in due respect to you, were I to fail acknowledging the many obligations you have imposed upon me, by repeatedly electing me to almost every office in the Grand Lodge, during the long period of eighteen years; and finally crowning it with the highest honor within your gift. During all this period I have been treated with the highest consideration and respect. To my brother Grand Officers, I recall with pride and much pleasure, the many friendships and happy associations formed during my long connec-

tion as a member of their body, and retire with the warmest feelings for each and every one, assuring them, that although no longer a participant in their deliberations, I shall ever be ready to render any service which my humble ability in the promotion of the welfare, or advancement of the interests of the Grand Lodge. To the appointed Grand Officers, my most earnest thanks are due, for the attention displayed in the discharge of their several duties; also, to the various Committees and Trustees for the zeal and fidelity which has distinguished their labors, fully justifying the opinion which was formed at the time of their appointment; that with much confidence may be intrusted to them, the important matters committed to their care. In my Inaugural Address, my brethren, I invoked you to stand by the ancient usages, customs, and land marks of our Order. I now reiterate that entreaty. Avoid as we have heretofore avoided, all innovation and change. Be not seduced by specious argument, or love of novelty, to alter one jot or tittle of the Work as taught by our Forefathers; but remember "that it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make innovations into the body of Masonry," and "when granite moulders, and when records fail," may this Grand Lodge continue, as she now is, the source and fountain of all Masonic authority and power: the sole and only exponent of Ancient Free Masonry, as practiced in this jurisdiction. I now surrender to my successor this Gavel, with the proud satisfaction that its sound has lost none of its influence: and I also transfer to you this jewel, indulging in the hope, that while in my keeping its beauty has not been tarnished or its lustre dimmed, but in all respects in as good order as when committed to my care by my respected predecessor, and shall now close my labors by installing my successor; to the discharge of which duty we will now proceed.

Brother David C. Skerrett, was then duly installed Right Worshipful Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then installed Brother Lucius H. Scott Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Who installed the other Grand Officers in ancient and solemn form as follows:

Bros. John L. Goddard, R. W. S. G. Warden; Richard Vaux, R. W. J. G. Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer; William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following address:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable fraternity of free and accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

BRETHREN: Having, by your free suffrages, been elected Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the present Masonic year; the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge devolves upon me; the duties thus assigned, *is a solemn trust*, the importance of which is well calculated to impress the mind with a doubt of ability to discharge them successfully, but trusting in the Supreme Grand Master of us all, that he will look down favorably upon my humble efforts to fulfill them faithfully, I shall enter upon them buoyed up with the hope of success. I shall also rely upon the support of the Brethren in their discharge; that they will sustain me in maintaining order or enforcing law, always bearing in mind that brotherly love which binds the brethren together. If at any time it should become my duty to point out any error, which may have inadvertently been introduced by self-constituted teachers, I trust that you will believe me actuated only by the purest motives, an endeavor to maintain our Order in its original simplicity and purity, *not suffering a landmark to be removed, an ancient usage or custom changed*, to see that the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, and Edicts of the Grand Lodge are maintained, *and that no innovations are made in the body of Masonry.* These, Brethren, are the imperative duties devolved upon me by the Grand Lodge. Relying on the blessing and support of the Great Architect of the Universe, that He will bless us in all our undertakings, and preserve us in peace, harmony, and brotherly love during the year, so that, at its close, we shall have cause to bow down in humble adoration, and praise His holy name.

After which he was pleased to announce the following appointments:

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, W. H. Odenheimer, Peter Russell, Wm. Suddards, Daniel Washburn, W. H. Reese, T. S. Johnson, Wm. Cooper, John G. Fury.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1. Brother Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon, and Lodge No. 309, at Downingtown.

No. 2. Brother Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata and Perry.

No. 3. Brother Joseph L. Stichter, of Reading, for Berks County, and Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown, and Lodge No. 310, at Perkiomen Bridge.

No. 4. Brother George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill.

No. 5. Brother Wm. L. Stewart, of Hawley, for Monroe, Wayne and Pike Counties.

No. 6. Brother Geo. Sweeney, of Easton, for Northampton, Carbon, Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton. Brother William Lilly declining.

No. 7. Brother E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton, for Luzerne.

No. 8. Brother Chris. F. Knapp, of Bloomsburg, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union and Snyder Counties.

No. 9. Brother J. H. Humes, of Jersey Shore, for Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Potter Counties.

No. 10. Brother John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, for Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton Counties.

No. 11. Brother Israel L. Craft, of Carmichael, for Greene, Washington, Fayette and Somerset Counties.

No. 12. Brother A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburg, for Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

No. 13. Brother Samuel M. Mehard, of Mercer, for Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer Counties.

No. 14. Brother Ammi Bond, of Conneautville, for Crawford, Erie, Warren and Venango Counties.

No. 15. Brother Ed. S. Golden, of Kittanning, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana.

No. 16. Brother R. C. Simpson, of Wellsboro', for Bradford and Tioga Counties.

No. 17. Brother Franklin Frazer, of Montrose, for Susquehanna and Wyoming.

S. G. Deacon, Brother N. L. Hatfield; J. G. Deacon, Atwood Smith; G. Stewards, Adam Maag and Jas. Ferguson; Grand Marshal, George W. Wood; G. Sword Bearer, Robert P. King; G. Pursuivant, Fred'k Hoffman, Jr.; G. Tyler, William B. Schnider.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. William Whitney, Robert Clark, Michael Nisbet, Jos. T. Thomas, John C. Yeager.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Bros. James Page, Henry M. Phillips, John Thomson, Robert Frazer, Charles Gilpin.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, John U. Giller, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Edward Robins.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. William H. Adams, A. Bournonville, Joseph H. Hedges, Jno. Rutherford, Jr., J. Henry Brown.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Josiah Randall, James Hutchinson, Peter Williamson, with the R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Wm. C. Stevenson, George Thomson, Charles Frishmuth, Alfred R. Potter.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. M. Richards Muckle, John Bolt, H. C. Howell, Math. Cartwright, Chas. H. Kingston.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. Samuel Floyd, No. 2; Geo. Thomson, No. 3; Edw'd Henderson, No. 9; Addison Hines, No. 19; M. Bouvier, No. 51; James Ferguson, No. 52; J. M. Davenport, No. 59; John Wagner, No. 67; E. B. Schnider, No. 71; Abraham West, No. 72; R. B. Connolly, No. 91; Jas. Morrell, Jr., No. 114; John Beenken, No. 115; Francis B. Warner, No. 121; Charles Peeler, No. 125; J. Wesley Miller, No. 126; E. P. Lescure, No. 130; John B. Squires, No. 131; Alex. Murphy, No. 134; John Martin, No. 155; Francis Funk, No. 158; George P. Little, No. 186; W. C. Parsons, No. 187; M. Cartwright, No. 211; E. C. Graeff, No. 230; A. T. Jones, No. 246; A. Reinstein, No. 271; J. W. Horner, No. 274; G. Phillips, No. 289; John J. Foster, No. 295.

ALMONERS GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Edward Wiler, No. 2; Edmond Brewer, No. 3; James Palmer, No. 9; John McGinnis, No. 19; Wm. L. Marshall, No. 51; Conrad B. Day, No. 52; George L. Taylor, No. 59; Harman Baugh, No. 67; D. P. Jones, No. 71; A. R. Potter, No. 72; Geo. S. Mustin, No. 91; W. S. Stokely, No. 114; J. Q. Adams, No. 115; A. R. Foering, No. 121; P. Ketterlinus, No. 125; Moses A. DeGroot, No. 126; J. L. Young, No. 130; G. Alkins, No. 131, G. J. Becker, No. 134; T. S. Woodbury, No. 155; D. Weatherly, Jr., No. 158; J. H. Boswell, No. 186; T. L. Simpson, No. 187; J. Dorlan, No. 211; D. Brittain, No. 230; G. K. Randall, No. 246; J. F. Neal, No. 271; S. P. Pedrick, No. 274; E. B. Davis, No. 289; Henry L. Sinexon, No. 295.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Brother James L. Taylor Deputy Grand Secretary, which was unanimously approved.

The following list of Lodges, &c., prepared by the Grand Secretary was presented and directed to be printed, to wit:

List of Lodges under this jurisdiction showing the name, number of Lodge, where held, admissions, initiations, rejections, resignations, suspensions and expulsions, deceased, and the number of members in each Lodge up to December 27th, 1861. A. L. 5861.

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Resigned.	Suspended or Expelled.	Deceased.	No. of Members.
	2,	Philadelphia.....	1	1	1	1	16	..	134
	3,	"	..	1	..	..	7	4	195
	9,	"	1	4	..	..	6	1	130
MONTGOMERY.....	19,	"	..	2	1	..	18	1	234
PERSEVERANCE.....	21,	Harrisburg.....	1	19	5	4	..	1	141

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	22,	Sunbury	..	2	..	3	..	..	39
Bristol	25,	Bristol	..	4	..	..	..	1	98
	43,	Lancaster	3	13	2	2	..	5	236
	45,	Pittsburg	2	14	1	3	5	1	115
	51,	Philadelphia	2	6	..	2	4	4	143
Harmony	52,	"	1	3	1	4	3	2	146
Washington	59,	"	..	17	..	..	..	1	99
Brownsville	60,	Brownsville	1	4	2	3	4	..	90
	61,	Wilkesbarre	..	10	4	..	10	3	105
	62,	Reading	4	5	2	1	1	1	232
Concordia	67,	Philadelphia	1	4	..	1	3	3	188
Rural Amity	70,	Athens	..	2	..	..	1	..	41
Lafayette	71,	Philadelphia	4	6	..	5	5	2	177
Philadelphia	72,	"	1	6	..	2	6	1	159
Phœnix	75,	Phœnixville	..	6	1	1	..	..	73
Hiram	81,	Chestnut Hill	1	10	..	1	1	..	123
Columbia	91,	Philadelphia	1	..	..	3	6	..	70
	106,	Williamsport	2	4	3	4	18	..	91
Union	108,	Towanda	..	..	..	1	3	1	107
Solomon's	114,	Philadelphia	..	7	1	..	6	3	154
St. John's	115,	"	..	11	..	2	3	4	159
Union	121,	"	..	..	1	7	1	2	158
Herman's	125,	"	..	10	4	1	7	1	131
Rising Star	126,	"	..	3	1	2	19	2	141
Phœnix	130,	"	..	5	..	1	9	..	240
Industry	131,	"	..	1	1	1	4	4	80
Franklin	134,	"	1	4	..	4	9	2	111
Roxborough	135,	Manayunk	..	10	..	..	4	..	117
Schuylkill	138,	Orwigsburg	1	2	..	..	2	..	40
George Washington	143,	Chambersburg	1	5	1	..	12	2	59
Charity	144,	Lewisburg	1	3	4	2	2	1	58
Easton	152,	Easton	2	11	..	1	9	..	139
Waynesburg	153,	Waynesburg	..	7	2	9	20	2	49
Mount Moriah	155,	Philadelphia	2	9	1	2	2	2	240
Washington	156,	Drumore Centre	..	7	1	1	..	1	69
Meridian Sun	158,	Philadelphia	3	9	3	3	31	2	274
Evergreen	163,	Monroeton	1	1	..	1	9	..	17
Washington	164,	Washington, Wash. Co.	..	3	3	..	4	9	..	53
Eastern Star	186,	Philadelphia	2	9	2	4	4	5	298
Integrity	187,	"	..	6	..	1	4	1	177
Charity	190,	Norristown	2	5	2	2	..	..	122

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Lafayette	194	Selin's Grove	..	..	1	5	10	..	32
Cumberland Star	197	Carlisle	..	3	..	3	..	1	63
Lafayette	199	Lock Haven	1	6	..	..	9	1	106
Lewistown	203	Lewistown	1	2	2	5	8	2	64
Kensington	211	Kensington, Pa.	1	7	3	..	5	1	226
Pulaski	216	Pottsville	..	8	1	1	10	..	142
Honesdale	218	Honesdale	..	..	..	2	5	..	45
St. John's	219	Pittsburg	3	8	..	1	8	2	149
Portage	220	Hollidaysburg	..	6	1	2	..	3	95
Franklin	221	Pittsburg	5	8	2	3	6	1	127
	222	Minersville	..	3	1	..	..	..	52
Allegheny	223	Allegheny City	11	10	1	1	7	..	90
Danville	224	Danville	..	1	..	..	..	1	69
Philanthropy	225	Greensburg	1	6	..	..	1	1	94
Mount Lebanon	226	Lebanon	1	4	..	4	12	1	113
Chandler	227	Reading	1	8	1	2	12	4	160
Fayette	228	Uniontown	2	5	1	2	8	..	59
Rochester	229	Rochester	..	1	..	1	..	..	35
Richmond	230	Port Richmond	..	12	..	1	1	2	161
Solomon's	231	Pittsburg	..	1	..	2	2	..	63
La Belle Valle	232	Jersey Shore	2	1	..	4	5	..	55
St. John's	233	Pittston	2	11	..	..	5	..	85
Crawford	234	Meadville	2	4	5	1	..	..	107
Presque Isle	235	Erie	3	11	..	1	..	..	82
Chester	236	Chester	..	6	1	2	..	1	101
Chandler	237	Bealsville	..	..	.	..	..	..	38
Tamaqua	238	Tamaqua	..	6	1	1	..	..	60
Armstrong	239	Freeport	..	2	..	3	..	..	33
Warren	240	Montrose	4	13	..	2	2	1	129
North Star	241	Warren	2	4	6	1	2	1	65
Carbon	242	Mauch Chunk	..	4	..	1	..	..	100
Mahoning	243	New Castle	1	1	..	2	13	..	32
	244	Kittanning	..	8	..	..	..	..	69
Doylestown	245	Doylestown	1	13	..	..	..	1	117
Shekinah	246	Philadelphia	..	5	..	1	8	..	167
Friendship	247	Mansfield	1	5	..	2	2	..	46
Temple	248	Tunkhannock*	2	4	..	..	..	..	50
Carbondale	249	Carbondale	1	4	..	1	4	..	71
Sharon	250	Sharon	1	6	1	1	3	..	25
Hebron	251	Mercer	..	No Return.			..	..	34
Gummert	252	Fayette City	1	4	..	1	..	1	55
Washington	253	Pittsburg	..	8	..	..	1	..	57

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Stichter	254	Pottstown	..	2	..	..	12	..	44
Shamokin	255	Shamokintown	..	3	..	..	6	..	34
Milton	256	Milton	1	3	..	4	2	..	63
Western Crawford	258	Conneautville	..	2	2	1	9	1	47
Union	259	New Brighton	..	6	3	2	2	..	45
St. John's	260	Carlisle	1	5	..	2	6	..	59
Hiram	261	Providence	..	12	..	2	19	..	74
Orrstown	262	Orrstown	..	1	..	1	1	1	16
Franklin	263	Laceyville	..	9	..	1	..	1	57
Columbus	264	Columbus	3	7	..	2	5	..	44
Washington	265	Bloomsburg	1	3	..	2	1	..	63
York	266	York	2	6	..	..	..	1	87
Swatara	267	Tremont	1	3	..	..	1	..	56
Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	..	2	..	1	..	..	68
Monongahela	269	Birmingham	2	4	..	1	3	..	79
Page	270	Schuylkill Haven	..	1	2	1	..	..	46
Keystone	271	Philadelphia	..	1	..	1	6	1	96
Butler	272	Butler	..	2	..	1	..	1	29
Cassia	273	Athensville	1	3	..	..	..	..	31
Hamilton	274	West Philadelphia	..	4	1	2	5	..	106
Loyalhanna	275	Latrobe	1	4	..	..	..	2	72
Hobah	276	Brookville	..	4	..	..	..	2	49
Clarion	277	Clarion	1	1	..	..	7	1	43
Cambria	278	Johnstown	..	No Work			..	..	59
Newcomb	279	Carmichaels	..	5	..	8	2	..	40
Mountain	281	Altoona	..	8	..	..	6	1	104
Juniata	282	Hollidaysburg	4	5	1	1	..	2	47
Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	..	..	..	..	2	..	33
Porter	284	Catasauqua	2	2	..	1	..	2	47
Anthracite	285	St. Clair	..	3	..	..	..	..	33
Columbia	286	Columbia	..	3	1	1	21	2	67
Milnor	287	Pittsburg	1	5	1	2	5	1	101
Jefferson	288	Allegheny City	..	No Return			..	..	38
Orient	289	Philadelphia	3	13	..	5	..	3	142
Eureka	290	West Greenville	1	8	..	1	..	..	33
Union	291	Scranton	..	No Return			..	..	73
Frankford	292	Frankford, Pa	1	12	8	..	10	..	144
Ashland	294	Ashland	2	4	..	..	5	1	58
Melita	295	Philadelphia	1	4	2	..	13	3	118
Mitchell	296	Germantown	..	3	1	1	..	2	83
Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	..	8	..	..	1	1	40
Geo. Bertram	298	Media	..	6	..	..	..	..	40
Muncy	299	Muncy	..	1	..	..	..	..	37
Mount Moriah	300	Huntingdon	..	4	5	..	..	..	58

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WAVERLY	301	Waverly	..	8	..	3	8	..	39
EUREKA	302	Mechanicsburg	..	5	..	1	2	..	54
OIL CREEK	303	Titusville	..	No Return			..	..	24
WESTERN STAR	304	Albion	..	4	..	3	..	2	17
HAWLEY	305	Hawley	..	4	..	..	..	..	42
TROJAN	306	Troy	3	3	..	1	16	2	36
WILLIAMSON	307	Womelsdorf	..	No Work			..	..	46
WASHINGTON	308	Fort Washington	..	5	..	..	1	2	37
WILLIAMSON	309	Downingtown	..	4	..	..	..	..	42
WARREN	310	Perkiomen Bridge	..	2	..	..	..	..	21
MOUNT BETHEL	311	Williamsburg	..	3	..	..	..	..	35
CAMBRIA	312	Evansburg	..	3	..	..	..	1	43
INDIANA	313	Indiana	..	2	..	..	..	..	35
CLEARFIELD	314	Clearfield	..	2	..	2	..	..	32
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	315	Shippensburg	..	2	..	..	..	1	30
MYRTLE	316	Franklin	..	8	1	..	..	..	59
OSSEA	317	Willsboro'	3	3	..	..	1	..	37
MCKINLEY	318	Allegheny City	..	5	..	2	4	..	52
ADAMS	319	Bloomfield	..	1	..	..	..	..	34
BEDFORD	320	Bedford	..	3	..	..	..	..	29
HAILMAN	321	East Liberty	..	1	..	1	2	..	38
WEST CHESTER	322	West Chester	1	1	..	..	..	1	38
PETER WILLIAMSON	323	Scranton	2	6	..	1	..	..	37
UNION	324	Mifflintown	..	3	..	2	..	1	58
BARGER	325	Stroudsburg	..	2	..	..	..	1	52
LEHIGH	326	Trexlertown	..	7	..	1	..	..	49
HAZEL	327	Luzerne	..	2	..	..	..	..	25
FREEDOM	328	Gibson	..	2	..	..	..	1	35
CRAFT	329	Greensboro	..	6	..	..	..	..	39
SALEM	330	Hamilton	1	6	..	..	2	..	33
FORT LIGONIER	331	Ligonier	..	1	..	1	1	..	22
PLYMOUTH	332	Plymouth	..	2	..	..	..	..	14
BARGER	333	Allentown	2	4	3	..	..	1	77
	334	Bradford	..	No Return			..	..	41
EUREKA	335	Montoursville	..	..	..	..	..	1	16
GOOD SAMARITAN	336	Gettysburg	..	4	..	..	..	..	16
HENRY M. PHILLIPS	337	Allegheny City	..	10	..	..	..	..	28
GREAT BEND	338	Great Bend	2	4	..	..	..	1	30
HYDE PARK	339	Hyde Park	..	6	..	..	..	1	26
THOMPSON	340	Garret's Sidling or E. Whiteland	..	5	..	1	..	..	19

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FACTORYVILLE.....	341,	Factoryville.....	..	10	..	1	1	..	25
	342,	Coudersport.....	12	3	..	..	..	..	15
1860.....	334,	No returns for 1861	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
"	303,	" "	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
"	291,	" "	..	4	..	..	..	..	65
"	288,	" "	..	4	..	..	..	..	40
"	251,	" "	..	..	..	..	..	..	34

RECAPITULATION.

ADMITTED.....	172						
INITIATED.....		825					
REJECTED.....			106				
RESIGNED.....				212			
SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.....					620		
DECEASED.....						136	
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.....							13,790
Total.....	172	825	106	212	620	136	13,790

Past Grand Master Brother James Page, made an address complimentary of Past Grand Master Brother John Thomson, on his retiring from the chair, and submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. John Thomson has just withdrawn from the high and dignified station of Right Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, after an administration of its affairs, creditable to himself and prosperous to the *fraternity* at large, and it is right and proper that some fitting testimonial of his *Masonic* services, and their appreciation by this Grand Lodge should be offered its retiring Grand Master, Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That Brother Thomson is entitled to the thanks of this Grand Lodge, and they are hereby cordially and affectionately tendered him for the wise, prudent and faithful discharge of all his duties as its Grand Master, evincing in his every act, the honest and moral feeling of a *Good Man*, and the love and charity of a true *Brother*.

Resolved, That in the various stations conferred upon him, culminating in the highest honor in the power of this Grand Lodge to bestow, Brother Thomson has fully justified the confidence reposed in him by the *craft*, he having in a long career of *Masonic labor*,

ably illustrated and worthily upheld and preserved the principles, rules, and landmarks of the Order.

Resolved, That in separating from him officially, as this Grand Lodge now does, it further tenders him its profound gratitude for his many and valuable services, coupled with a fervent prayer, that the "evening of his days may be as serene and happy as the morning and noon of his life have been useful and honorable, and that when he is summoned hence, he may abide in that Grand Lodge not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to furnish a copy of this Preamble and Resolutions to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother John Thomson.

On motion of Past Grand Master Brother Henry M. Phillips, and duly seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Brothers John Thomson and David C. Skerrett, be requested to furnish a copy of their addresses delivered this day, and that the same be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge closed in peace at 15 minutes to 1 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, A. L. 5863. A. D. 1863.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Atwood Smith, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Robert P. King, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. F. Hoffman, G. Pursuivant. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Josiah Randall, James Page, William Whitney, James Hutchinson, Henry M. Phillips and John Thomson, P. G. Masters. Robert A. Lamberton, C. M. Howell, and Joseph L. Stichter, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Robert C. and Samuel Floyd, Alexander. No. 3, Skerrett, Hatfield, Ingram, Brewer, Leddy, Davis, Thomson. No. 9, Mahony, Hatfield, Leach, Duffield. No. 19, Thornley, Griscom, Masters, McGinnis, Murphy, Bennett, Thomas, Hand, Randall, Tiel. No. 21, Lamberton, Hicks. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 43, Howell. No. 51, Thomson, Howell, Whitney. No. 52, Hanold, Ferguson, Wilson, Jr. and Sr., Day, Shindler, Myers, White. No. 59, Reed, Adams, Kelly, George and James L. Taylor, Patton, Gibson. No. 62, Stichter, Yeager. No. 67, Van Osten, Griffith, Reess, Martien, McElree, Jas. Hutchinson, Baugh, Bolt, Roberts, Wood, Loudenslager. No. 71,

Burns, Jones, Wooldridge, Frismuth, Price. No. 72, Thomson, Brown, Coleman, Irvin, Phillips, Thomas, Potter, Chas. R. and W. S. Abbott, Hoffman. No. 81, Levering, Davidson, Davis. No. 91, Dean, Samuel H. and Samuel C. Perkins, Taylor, Lee, Van Osten. No. 114, Clark, Jacobs, Buckingham, Brooks, Stevenson, Boyd, Morrell. No. 115, Robeno, Black, Webb, Adams. No. 121, Vaux, Smith, Foering. No. 125, Staake, Maag, Remak, Norwitz, Trau, Peeler, Engelhoffer. No. 126, Montgomery, Mullin. No. 130, Riley, Easby, Ebert, MacBride, Logue, Giller, Lescure, Strickland. No. 131, Alkins, Taggart, Leiper. No. 135, Ferguson. No. 155, Moore, Hodges, Curtis, Woodbury, Neff, Porter, Masson. No. 158, Manderfield, Weatherly, Eckert, Brice, Yeager. No. 186, Boswell, Adams, Scattergood, Devereux, Filson. No. 187, Cree, Hahn, Barnes, Albertson, Benyaurd. No. 211, Morris, Lewis, Cartwright, Hall, Erety, Franklin, Whiteman, Peall. No. 227, Lilly. No. 230, Hill, Christian, Brittain, Ziegler, Evans. No. 236, Gibson, Gregg. No. 240, Frazer. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Baker, Stevens, Wildey, Masson, Jones, Walton, Randall. No. 271, Evans, Wertz, Atkinson, Young. No. 274, Goddard, Deckert. No. 281, Mann. No. 289, Simpson, Anderson, Moore, Davis, Burkhardt. No. 292, McCormick. No. 295, Meyer, Sinexon. No. 308, Wentz. No. 324, Parker. No. 333, Thayer. No. 340, Robb, Fiss.

By Proxies, Nos. 22, 138, 156, 199, 218, 222, 226, 229, 241, 251, 253, 258, 261, 263, 268, 269, 282, 285, 286, 294, 304, 305, 309, 317, 320, 330, 331.

Seventy-four Lodges Represented, forty-seven by Members and twenty-seven by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ to 7 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and said:

BRETHREN: You are aware of the great loss the Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of P. G. Master Bro. Anthony Bournonville, which sad event took place, on the 27th of February ultimo, at his residence in this city; and as a mark of respect eminently due to his memory, no business will be transacted at this session of the Grand Lodge, except the reception of the preamble and resolutions and their preliminary remarks, prepared by P. G. M. Bro. James Page, which resolutions will be seconded by Bro. G. Remak, a P. M. of Herman Lodge, No. 125, to which Bro. Bournonville was many years attached, showing the veneration in which he was held by the brethren of Herman Lodge.

Past Grand Master Bro. Jas. Page spoke as follows:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN: Let me claim the attention of the Grand Lodge for a brief space. I rise to perform a pleasant but sad duty—pleasant, because of the happy reminiscences of the past—sad, because of the mournful realities of the present. I rise to speak of one who can no longer be heard in the places of the living. His eyes are closed—his tongue is mute—his hands are

cold—his heart has ceased to beat: its warm pulsations are forever stilled. The silence of Death is upon him.—Our Past Grand Master, Brother Bournonville, is no more. I wish to offer a fitting tribute to his memory—not a mere formal offering—not words of the lips—but those which come warm and gushing from the heart, which worth and merit should alone command, and respect and love freely bestow. I knew our lamented Brother well—was long and happily associated with him in the administration of the affairs of this Grand Lodge; and can speak feelingly and truthfully of him and his many virtues. To the order he was as true a friend as ever stepped within its landmarks—as devoted a brother as ever threw the grand hailing sign, and as pure a light as ever shone in the East. He had a heart without guile—a tongue on which truth loved to dwell; and a mind full of benevolent thoughts and charitable views. His benevolence was not merely theoretical but practical—his charity not in words, but deeds. He took pride in the Craft, and was never so happy as when surrounded by its mysteries, and working in the Temple. As Grand Master, he regarded the honor of the Oriental Chair as beyond that of the crowned head of King, Emperor or Czar, and no one strove more than he to preserve its dignity. To the last that honor was his Jewel beyond price, richer than sapphires or rubies, more precious than all the diamonds from Golconda's mines. He has gone from us with a stainless reputation as a man and a Mason, to the abode of the just and good. It remains for us to remember and emulate his example, and pay the last tribute of respect to his memory, and I feel assured that I have embodied the feelings of the Craft in the following Preamble and Resolutions:

WHEREAS, in the dispensation of that Almighty Father "who ordereth all things for the best," our late P. G. M. Brother Dr. Anthony Bournonville has been called from the scene of his temporal labors, and bidden an everlasting farewell to the cares and trials of this earthly life; and it is proper that this Grand Lodge should give expression to the feelings which so melancholy a bereavement is calculated to inspire—Therefore

Be it Resolved, That in adverting to the lamented death, we cannot but bear in mind the purity and usefulness of the life of our late Past Grand Master, marked as it was by all those virtues which make men beautiful here that they may be the better fitted for the glories of the hereafter.

Resolved, That in the Masonic association, in which it was our happiness frequently to meet and fully to know him, the amicable deportment and fraternal kindness of our departed brother were ever conspicuous and winning; and his great benevolence of disposition, the prominent feature of his character, as sincere as it was general, acted like a charm upon all who came within its influence, and bound men to him in a firm and lasting friendship.

Resolved, That, a worthy member of the Order, he venerated and ever held sacred its principles—giving a practical evidence of the charity of its teachings, by his many deeds of kindness to the sick, the poor and the suffering. The tears of gratitude, blending with those of attachment and love, will fall upon his honored grave, and keep his memory fresh as the "Evergreen of our Faith."

Resolved, That in simplicity of purpose, purity of intention, integrity of action and goodness of heart, our departed Past Grand Master was of "the noblest work of God—an honest man,"—as such we knew him living, now mourn him dead.

Resolved, That while we will not permit ourselves to invade the sanctity of the domestic hearth, in this its hour of sorest trial, nor speak to loved ones of the terrible affliction they are called upon to bear in the loss of husband, father, friend and companion, we nevertheless condole with them in their deep sorrow, and commend them to the solace and keeping of that Infinite Power, from whom alone can come the balm that heals, and the hope to comfort and sustain.

Resolved, That these Resolutions, together with the proceedings thereon be published, and copies thereof transmitted to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and also to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That in further testimony of respect for the memory of our deceased Past Grand Master, we will suspend our labors for the evening, attend his funeral in a body, and clothe this Grand Lodge in the habiliments of mourning for the space of three months.

Brother Gustavus Remak, a Past Master of Herman Lodge, No. 125, then rose and spoke as follows:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: Nothing could have been more gratifying to the members of Herman Lodge, of which our deceased brother, the R. W. P. Grand Master Anthony Bournonville, has been, during the last twenty-five years a much honored and beloved member, than that the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, commemorative of his worth and services as a Mason, should have been introduced by the R. W. Brother who has just taken his seat. This gratification, I trust, is shared by the numerous personal friends in this body whose intimacy our deceased Brother had, during many years, the good fortune and honor to enjoy, as well as by the members of the Grand Lodge generally. Sentiments emanating from so enlightened and generous a Masonic mind—feelings and emotions gushing forth from the purest and most sympathetic of Masonic hearts, are fit and just tributes to the memory of our departed Brother. Long may it be vouchsafed to that respected Brother to speak—and to us to listen to his eloquent words of Masonic truth and

wisdom; long may their *strength* endure in our hearts and be engraven on the tablet of our memories; long may their *beauty* continue to adorn the labors within the precincts of our temple! In rising to address this R. W. Grand Lodge, and in seconding the resolutions offered by the R. W. Brother, I may be deemed but the feeble and unworthy utterer of the thoughts, feelings and reflections of those who were the nearest and most intimate Masonic associates of our lamented Brother—of those whose delight it was to take counsel of his knowledge, and whose good fortune to profit by his example—of those, who most rejoiced in, and were proudest of his life and happiness, and who are now most deeply and sincerely grieved and humbly stricken down by his death. But four short weeks have elapsed since those Brethren unanimously recorded their sorrow at his sufferings, and a heartfelt expression of hope that he might be spared soon to appear in their midst. But alas! an inscrutable Providence willed it otherwise, and our beloved Brother is no more! A short moon passed, and on the day of the re-assembling of those Brethren, their endeared associate breathed his last. Their implements (as you, R. Worshipful Sir, directed this Grand Lodge to do to-night) were laid aside in grief, and their work was stayed by the sorrowful tidings of his death. It is not my privilege, nor is it my purpose, to speak of Brother Bournonville here in his personal relations to myself, of the long mutual and intimate friendship existing between us, of my attachment for him and of how much he deserved it; but of what is most paramount *here*, his Masonic life, services and virtues. Brother Anthony Bournonville, a native of Lyons in France, for the last 35 years a highly esteemed and universally respected resident of this city, became a member of our beloved craft and of Herman Lodge, No. 125, in the month of August, 1838, and was elected several years ago, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, an honorary life-member. His brethren soon rewarded his Masonic zeal and proficiency by electing him W. Master, a station to which he was again elected on a subsequent occasion. For several years he also held the office of Treasurer of the Lodge, and was at the time of his death her Trustee. In this R. W. Grand Lodge Brother Bournonville was, under the administration of the then R. W. Grand Master Stevenson, in the year 1842, first appointed to the place of Junior Grand Deacon, and having during the two succeeding years filled the place of Senior Grand Deacon under the administration of the R. W. Grand Master Barger, he was, at the time of the elevation of Brother James Page to the Oriental Chair, elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden, holding this station for two years, and each succeeding one in rank for a like period until he was elected R. W. Grand Master for the year 1851, and re-elected for the year 1852. Brother Bournonville was also

for a number of years one of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, and at the time of his death he held that position, and was also a member of the Committee of By-laws. None could have excelled, if any ever equalled the prompt, faithful and most conscientious discharge of the Masonic duties devolving upon him whilst holding these various places and stations in the body of Masonry. The lively interest ever evinced by him in all Masonic affairs, and his zeal and labors for the promotion of the interest of the craft became proverbial among the brethren. The very mention of his name seemed to be associated with Masonic zeal and fidelity. But wherein he shone most gloriously was in his never-ceasing manifestation of that most blessed and blessing of Masonic virtues: *Charity*. His time, his services and his purse were generously, aye lavishingly, devoted to his suffering and needy fellow men of whatever tongue or clime. How shall I depict this jewel in his character.

> "*Such* was his charity: No sudden start
> After long sleep, of passion in the heart,
> But steadfast principle, and in its kind,
> Of close relation to th' eternal mind,
> Traced easily to its true source above,
> To Him, whose works bespeak His nature: *Love*."

His noble and benevolent heart was as pure and as simple as that of a child; his mind guileless and confiding; he was the soul of honor. He was "the noblest work of God—an honest man." Though his charitable hand may now be stark in death—though the pulses of his great heart may have ceased to beat—his deeds will ever remain green in our memories, and his spirit, looking down from the realms of immortality, will continue to live among us. As long as great Masonic virtues will find true worshipers at the shrine of our holy temple, the name of ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE will stand foremost among the brightest lights in the body of Free Masonry.

Visitors admitted during the evening, viz.:—Bros. Mark T. Willis, No. 52; Jas. J. Skerrett, Jr., No. 71; Geo. M. Land, Henry Wallis, No. 114; Franklin B. Cotton, Franklin B. Siltzer, Bennett Dobbs, No. 115; Bonaparte Shoe, No. 126; Andrew J. Hay, No. 135; W. B. McMennamin, Robert Jones, No. 187; Samuel Close, No. 230; Chas. C. Culin, No. 246; Theo. W. Ludwig, No. 254; Charles Cole, No. 274; Chas. J. Mann, No. 281; John W. Weed, Wm. P. Walter, No. 296; John Sickler, Thos. J. Wentz, No. 308; Ed. S. Parker, No. 324; Russell A. Thayer, No. 333; Isaiah Heston Todd, No. 340; J. P. Morris, Huntington, No. 32, N. J.; Richard R. Darlington, No. 340; Henry B. Lippincott, No. 32, N. J.; Henry Cartwright, Lafayette Lodge, North Adams, N. J.

After the Grand Chaplain had addressed the Throne of Grace in an appropriate and impressive prayer, the Grand Lodge closed at quarter to nine o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA April 6, 1863. A. L. 5863.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. Nathan L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Robert Clark, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Robert P. King, G. S. Bearer. Frederick Hoffman, Jr., G. Pursuivant. Edward P. Lescure and John Rutherford, G. Stewards. Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. William Whitney, Henry M. Phillips, John Thomson and Samuel H. Perkins, Past Grand Masters. George H. McCabe and George Sweeney, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Alexander, Floyd. No. 3, Ingram, Skerrett, Thomson. No. 9, Dorsey, Duffield. No. 19, Griscom, Tiel, Bennett. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 51, Thackara, Whitney, Thomson. No. 52, Shindler, Bruce, Wilson, Jr., Hanold, Schrack, Ferguson, Day. No. 59, Kelly, Adams, George and Jas. L. Taylor, Coburn. No. 60, Lafferty. No. 62, Yeager. No. 67, Chas. Wood, Joseph Hutchinson, Van Osten, McIlree, Martien, Rutherford, Bolt, Worthington, Reess, Smith, Roberts, Griffith. No. 71, Wooldridge, Schnider, Jones. No. 72, Coleman, Thompson, Irvine, Potter, Thomas, Phillips, Chas. and W. S. Abbott. No. 75, Vanderslice, Oberholtzer. No. 81, Schriver. No. 91, S. H. and S. C. Perkins, Taylor, Van Osten. No. 114, Clark, Morrell, Buckingham. No. 115, Adams, Robins, Yost. No. 121, Vaux, Harris, Ireland. No. 125, Muckle. No. 126, Bell, Montgomery, Laning. No. 130, Ebert, Riley, Stillman, Kirkpatrick, Lescure, Strickland. No. 131, Leiper, Alkins. No. 134, Keyser, Williamson, Van Cleve, Taylor, Stephens, Becker, King. No. 152, Sweeney, No. 155, Neff, Woodbury, Collins, Hedges, Moore, Potter. No. 158, Manderfield, Eckert, Walker, Brice. No. 164, Wishart. No. 186, Adams, Franklin, Boswell, Scattergood, Devereux. No. 187, Matthews, Parsons, Albertson, Barnes, Benyaurd. No. 203, Leithead, Martin. No. 211, Morris, Cartwright, Lee. No. 227, Lowe, Till. No. 242, Lilly. No. 267, Barndt, Grover. No. 271, Wagner, Deckert, Evans. No. 274, Goddard. No. 281, Mann. No. 289, Anderson, Burkhardt, Hoovey. No. 295, Meyer. No. 319, Clark. No. 322, Evans. No. 343, Gilfillan.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. Whitney, No. 22; Wm. H. Adams, No. 138; P. Williamson, No. 156; H. M. Phillips, Nos. 194 and 199; M. R. Muckle, No. 216; Jos. S. Riley, No. 226; Geo. Thomson, No. 241; Wm. H. Adams, No. 251; H. M. Phillips, No. 268; Jas. Ferguson, No. 269; Richard Vaux, No. 286; Dan'l Thompson, No. 304; L. H. Scott, No. 320; D. C. Skerrett, No. 317.

Sixty Lodges Represented, forty-five by Members and fifteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held Dec. 1st, 1862, the Special

Communication of Dec. 15th, 1862, and of the Annual Communication held Dec. 27th, 1862, were read and adopted.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley asked the Grand Master for information why the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge on Saint John's Day last, providing for the publishing of that part of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence relating to the alienation of the southern Grand Lodges had not been complied with. The Grand Master replied that he was on the point of bringing the subject before the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then stated to the Grand Lodge that he had deferred the printing of that portion of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence referring to the alienation of the southern Grand Lodges in a separate form for the reason that upon examination he found it would involve an expenditure on the part of the Grand Lodge of several hundred dollars, there being in the Jurisdiction some 12,000 or 14,000 brethren and the resolution required a copy to be sent to each one, which seemed to him to be entirely unnecessary, inasmuch as the whole report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence would appear in the printed report of the abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1862, a copy of which would be furnished to each member of the Grand Lodge, and that he had delayed the publication in order to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge at this communication for consideration. On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, the resolution alluded to was reconsidered, when Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following which was agreed to, as a substitute, "to wit:" *Resolved*, That every member of this Grand Lodge be furnished with a copy of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with an abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

A petition from Lodge No. 43 was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——— and —— ———, rejected applicants in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition from Lodge No. 52 was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected candidate in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition from Lodge No. 130 was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 158 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——— and —— ———, who were rejected in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition from Lodge No. 233 was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion permission was given under the usual restrictions.

A petition from Lodge No. 234 was read asking permission to take

another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition from Lodge No. 249 was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected candidate in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 251 was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 3 was read in relation to a suspension of a Brother after his decease in error and asking permission to correct the proceedings and the return to the Grand Lodge. On motion the request was granted.

A communication from Bro. John Q. Adams was read in relation to some irregularity in the proceedings in Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, which was on motion referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A communication from Lodge No. 233 was read petitioning the Grand Lodge to restore —— ——— an expelled Mason to good Masonic Standing. On motion the same was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

A communication from Lodge No. 283 was read petitioning the restoration of Bro. —— ——— to Masonic Standing. On motion was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A petition was read from Lodge No. 331 asking a remission of dues on some worthy Brother soldiers in the army. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

An extract from the proceedings of Lodge No. 343 was read appointing Bro. James Palmer the Proxy of said Lodge. On motion the Communication was directed to be entered and filed and Bro. James Palmer acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge No. 343.

Printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to wit: From the Grand Lodge of Colorado for Years 1860 and 1861, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey.

The following communication was read and referred to the Hall Committee with power to act and a recommendation to grant the application as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN: On behalf of the Free Masons' Soldiers' Relief Association, permission is most respectfully asked to occupy one of the Committee Rooms of the Masonic Hall on the third Monday evening of each and every month hereafter for the purpose of holding therein the regular Monthly Meeting of said association.

Respectfully,

(Signed) DAVID WEATHERLY, *Pres. of the F. M. S. R. A.*

APRIL 6th, 1863.

A report from the Committee on By-laws was received and adopted on the By-laws of Nos. 45, 317 and 335.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully report they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the Quarter Ending February 15th, 1863, and find them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last account	$187 62
Dues from Lodges	10,480 10
Dispensations, &c.	1,048 00
Rents of stores	1,250 00
Total	$12,965 72

PAYMENTS.

Expenses Grand Master	$12 00	
" D. D. G. Masters	333 42	
" Hall Committee	349 34	
" do. do. Taxes	1,657 80	
" of bill printing	210 72	
Interest on Masonic Loans	1,395 00	
Paid Trustees Masonic Loans	7,000 00	
" Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,317 00	
" G. Secretary salary and expenses	395 75	
" G. Tyler salary	64 75	
" " Treasr. Exchange and Ex.	7 43	
Balance cash on hand	222 51	
Total		$12,965 72

They then examined the Hall Committee's accounts and found them correct, showing orders on the Grand Treasurer on general account $387 05

Taxes on Hall for 1863 1,657 80

Total $2,054 85

They also examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct as follows:

On the $41,000 Loan,

Balance as per last report	$109 50
Paid since	109 50

On the $110,000 Loan,		
Balance as per last report		$126 00
Appropriation		1,395 00
		$1,521 00
Paid since	$1,134 00	
On hand	387 00	
		$1,521 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
JOS. T. THOMAS, ROBERT CLARK,
Committee.

PHILAD., Feb. 27th, 1863.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read, approved and the resolution thereunto appended was adopted, "to wit:"

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received since the last report dated April 4th, 1862, from interest and dividends on investments $2,707 96
Premium on specie 146 08
Allowance on specie 13 50

Making a total income of $2,867 54
To which add the balance on deposit to the credit of the Bequest at date of last report April 4, 1862 ..... 1,044 31

Making a total of $3,911 85
Of this sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treasurer for the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund the sum of 2,000 00

Leaving a balance of $1,911 85
To which add the principal of six Certificates of the Grand Lodge Loan of $500 each Nos. 243 to 248 inclusive, exclusive of interest which is included in the item of income .. 3,000 00
Also two certificates same loan $250 each Nos. 1 and 2 .... 500 00

Making a principal of $5,411 85
Invested in the 5.20 Loan 4,500 00

Balance in Bank $911 85

There has been no change in the investments of the Bequest since the last report of the Trustees, except in the payment by the Grand Lodge of the balance of the Masonic Loan amounting to $3,500 which was immediately invested in the United States 5.20's. The investments of the bequest are therefore the same as at the last report except that the certificates of the Grand Lodge Loan have been surrendered and certificates Nos. 849, 911, 912, 913 and 176 of U. S. Loan 5.20's purchased. In view of the increased productiveness of the investments of the Bequest and the enhanced price of the necessaries of life, the Trustees would recommend an increased appropriation of $250 for charitable purposes and they therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the sum of $2,250 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1, A. L. 5864 to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, SAML. H. PERKINS, JAMES HUTCHINSON,
DAVID JAYNE, DAVID BOYD.

PHIL., March 2nd, 1863.

Visitors admitted during the evening as follows: Bros. Jas. Nelson, No. 9; Wm. Chatland, Peter Keester, John R. White, No. 52; Wm. L. Maddock, No. 67; I. E. Hackenburg, No. 91; Geo. L. Land, No. 211; John D. Jones, No. 115; Thomas R. Patton, No. 121; Geo. Davidson, No. 134; Andrew J. Hays, No. 162; Isaac Muff, William Y. Lyon, No. 155; Jos. R. Conn, No. 211; Thos. W. Edwards, No. 230; Henry F. Giger, No. 295; Wm. McConnell, No. 322; E. B. Lamborn, No. 322; David C. Price, No. 32, New Jersey; Robert Cartwright, No. 34, New Jersey.

The R. W. Grand Master referred to the resolution offered on Saint John's Day last by Bro. Gustavus Remak referring to a meeting on the 22nd of February Bro. Geo. Washington's birthday, &c., the same being referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, &c. Reported that they had come to the unanimous conclusion that it was inexpedient to act thereon at this time.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ¼ to 9 o'c. P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 1, A. L. 5863. A. D. 1863.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. George L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. Nathaniel L. Hatfield, S. G. Deacon. Atwood Smith, J. G. Deacon. Absent, G. Marshal. Robert P. King, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson, Jas. B. Van Osten, G. Stewards. Fredk. Hoffman,

Jr., G. Pursuivant. Josiah Randall, Jas. Page, Wm. Whitney, Henry M. Phillips, and John Thomson, P. Grand Masters. A. M. Pollock, S. S. Mehard, Ammi Bond, Chas. M. Howell, Robert A. Lamberton, J. L. Craft, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Floyd, Mosley. No. 3, Ingram, Davis, Thomson. No. 9, Mahoney. No. 19, Hand, Thomas, Tiel. No. 21, Bannvart, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Pollock. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Bateman, Thackara. No. 52, Ferguson, Bruce, Day, Wilson, Shindler, Schrack. No. 59, Adams, G. L. Taylor, Patton, Kelly, Gibson, Coburn. No. 67, Bolt, Worthington, Field, Van Osten, Rutherford, Roberts. No. 71, Burns, Levering. No. 72, Thompson, Abbott. No. 81, Davidson, Shinn. No. 91, Swain, Barry, Lee. No. 114, Jacobs, Buckingham. No. 115, Kraft, Robeno, Wallis. No. 121, Ireland, Brown. No. 125, Muckle, Engelhoffer. No. 126, Bell, Laning, Montgomery. No. 130, Strickland, Kirkpatrick, Ebert. No. 131, Matlack, Lieper. No. 134, Ogden. No. 135, Kline, Johnson. No. 155, Porter, Martin, Woodbury, Hedges, Moore, Neff. No. 158, Eckert, Manderfield, Funk, Reneker. No. 186, Adams, Filson, Stevenson, Franklin, Boswell, Yeager. No. 187, Burns, Albertson. No. 211, Morris, Page, Hall, Peel, Cartwright. No. 223, French. No. 227, Lilly. No. 230, Brittain, Christian. No. 236, Gregg. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Uhle, Walton, Hubbert, Stevens, Baker, Randall No. 251, Mahann. No. 258, Thomas. No. 271, Mayer, Fritz, Young. No. 274, Pedrick, Goddard, Wagner. No. 284, Martin, Yoder. No. 289, Phillips, Burkhardt, Simpson, Anderson. No. 295, Gilpin. No. 299, Ellis, Bauvaurt. No. 333, Bechtell.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. Whitney, No. 22; Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 135, 251, and 282; Jas. Page, No. 222; Peter Williamson, Nos. 156 and 309; Robert P. King, No. 194; Henry M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 266; M. Richards Muckle, No. 216; A. M. Pollock, No. 221; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; James Ferguson, No. 269; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286 and 294; Daniel Thompson, No. 304; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320.

Sixty-two Lodges represented, forty-four by Members and eighteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'c. P. M.

The Minutes of March 2nd, 1863, and of April 6th, 1863, were read and adopted.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 186, 221 and 230 also the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 261, 218 and 344 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a Warrant for a New Lodge to be held in Connellsville, Fayette Co., Penna., was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from Lodge No. 115 to take another ballot on —— ——— and —— ——— rejected applicants in said Lodge was read. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication from Lodge No. 259 to take another ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge was read. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petition was granted.

A communication from Lodge No. 333 to take another ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge was read. On motion the prayer was granted.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— complaining of the action of Lodge No. 21 in not advancing him in the order. On motion duly made and Seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— appealing from the action of Lodge No. 235 at Erie, in expelling him wrongfully. On motion the appeal was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A petition from Lodge No. 203 was read requesting the Grand Lodge to restore —— ——— to Masonic Standing. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A bill from Messrs. King and Baird was read for printing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, paper, &c., amounting to $307.01. On motion the same was ordered to be paid.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and adopted, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following quarterly report: They have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending May 15th, 1863, and find them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance old account	$222 51
Dues from Lodges	7,536 00
Dispensations	411 00
Rents of stores	1,500 00
" " Chapters, &c	480 00
Total	$10,149 51

PAYMENTS.

Orders of Grand Master		$302 75
" " Hall Committee		1,015 46
Interest on Masonic Loans		1,230 00
Trustees Masonic Loans for investments		6,500 00
Grand Secretary's salary	$312 50	
Expenses of Office	69 50	
		382 00
Expenses Grand Treasurer's office		27 74
Balance to new account		691 56
		$10,149 51

They examined the accounts of the Hall Committee and found them correct exhibiting orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer for $848.

They examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct as follows:

On the $41,000 Masonic Loan,	
Payments amounting to	$1,138 50
Amount of appropriation	1,230 00
Cash on hand	$91 50
To pay items of interest as therein enumerated	$91 50
On the $110,000 M. Loan,	
Payments amounting to	$231 00
Balance on hand as per last account	387 00
Balance on hand	$156 00

To pay unclaimed interest.

They examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and found them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last report	$204 14
Interest on various securities	1,755 30
	$1,959 44

PAYMENTS.

Grand Treasurer to Almoners	$900 00
Balance	1,059 44
	$1,959 44

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, JOS. T. THOMAS,
ROBERT CLARK, JOHN C. YEAGER,
Committee.

MAY 28, 1863.

The following report from the Committee of Appeals in the case of J. Q. Adams against Lodge No. 115 was read, approved and the accompanying resolutions were adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. John Q. Adams a member of Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, from the action of that Lodge in the case of Bro. —— ——— suspended for non payment of dues, respectfully report: That after hearing the appellant and the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge and examining its Minutes they find the facts to be that Brother —— ——— was suspended for non payment of dues at the Stated Meeting in December, 1862, and so returned to the Grand Lodge; that at the Stated Meeting in January following the resolution by which he was suspended was reconsidered by the Lodge under the approval of the W. M. although objected to by Bro. Adams. At the Stated Meeting in February the Minutes of the meeting in January were read as containng a resolution adopted restoring Bro. ——— to good standing, when in point of fact no such resolution had been offered or adopted at said meeting, nor had the Minutes any thing upon them touching the reconsideration of the suspending resolution. The changes were made by the Secretary under the direction of the Worshipful Master and on the question of the adoption of the Minutes Bro. Adams objected and desired the Minutes to be corrected according to the facts, and requested the W. M. so to order, which the W. M. refused to do, as he also refused to order the Secretary to put on the Minutes Bro. Adams' objection in the shape he desired it to go there, but directed such objection simply to be noted by the Secretary without the reasons. In recording the proceedings of a Lodge the record must conform strictly to the facts as they occur, once made they must remain as made. Neither the W. M. nor the Secretary nor any one else having the right to change or alter them. The right of power to do this remains with the Lodge alone. When the Minutes as recorded come to be submitted for its approval even then although a majority vote of the Lodge might have the power to change the Minutes, the right to alter them from the fact does not ever exist with the Majority, the Minutes must tell the truth and are to be held sacred for that object alone. To tamper with or alter them is a fraud upon the Lodge, and such an offense should be promptly condemned and punished. No Lodge would be safe if its records can be moulded by individual will or be made by a majority so to speak other than the Truth. In the present case however it gives the Committee pleasure to state that the errors were wholly unintentional on the part of the officers of the Lodge and its Members, a mistake from a want of knowledge and experience—nothing more. The Committee offer the following resolutions for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, That at the Meeting of Lodge No. 115 the Worshipful Master erred in entertaining a motion to reconsider the action of the Lodge in suspending Bro. ——— at a previous Meeting. *Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 115 erred in instructing the Secretary to falsify the Minutes by omitting to record the action of the Lodge at said meet-

ing and in substituting in lieu thereof matter that was not before the Lodge at that Meeting. *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 115 be instructed to restore the Minutes of the December and January Meetings to what actually occurred at said Meetings and that in the case of Bro. ——— they strictly conform to the Rules laid down in the Ahiman Rezon pages 36 and 37. To settle the question of time within which a Lodge will have the right to reconsider a resolution suspending a Brother the Committee further submit the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, That the power of a Lodge to reconsider a vote of suspension of a Member shall be confined to the Meeting at which the vote of suspension is passed. The appellant further appealed from the action of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 115 because he refused to direct the Secretary to record on the Minutes the fact that the Brother objected to the Minutes being approved as read and he asked to have them corrected so as to conform to what took place. In this the Worshipful Master was right; no member can claim this privilege, if so it would lead to delay and confusion and seriously interfere with and retard the regular business of the Lodge. The only way by which a Member can rightfully place himself upon the record is by offering a resolution to reach the object he has in view which when recorded becomes a part of the proceedings and must appear upon the Minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Committee of Appeals in the case of Bro. —— ——— and Lodge No. 283 was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals on the application of Lodge No. 283 of Bethlehem to have the suspension of —— ——— removed and restore him to good Masonic Standing, respectfully report: That after ascertaining from the Lodge the reasons for inducing it to make the request and finding that to be satisfactory they offer the following resolution for the action of the Grand Lodge and recommend its adoption: *Resolved*, That the suspension of Brother —— ——— of Lodge No. 283, at Bethlehem, be and the same is hereby removed and the said Brother restored to good Masonic standing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Committee of Landmarks was read, approved and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the application of Saint John's Lodge, No. 233, held at Pittston, requesting the Grand Lodge to place —— ——— in good Masonic Standing, he the

said —— ——— having applied in 1851 to Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, for Initiation and Membership was rejected. He afterwards went to New York and became a member (Master Mason). The Committee after a careful investigation of the case and examination of former decisions of the Grand Lodge in similar cases deemed it inexpedient to comply with the request. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, J. RANDALL, DAVID C. SKERRETT,
PETER WILLIAMSON, JAMES HUTCHINSON,
LUCIUS H. SCOTT,

W. H. ADAMS, *Secretary to Committee.*

PHILA., June 1st, 1863.

On motion duly made and Seconded, the following resolution was adopted, "viz.:" *Resolved*, That such of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction that may desire it shall have the privilege of closing over during the months of July and August.

Bro. M. Richards Muckle made a statement in relation to the Funds of Encampment No. 2 and their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. When on motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

A number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ to 9 o'clock P. M.

WM. H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 7, A. L. 5863. A. D. 1863.

Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Penna., held in Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Edwd. P. Lescure, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. George L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Joseph Hutchinson, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Robert P. Kane, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson and Thomas S. Woodbury, G. Stewards. Fredk. Hoffman, Jr., G. Pursuivant. Rev. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. James Hutchinson and Peter Williamson, P. G. Masters. G. H. McCabe and Geo. Sweeney, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Mosely, Floyd, Alexander. No. 3, Skerrett, Brown. No. 9, Palmer, Mahony. No. 19, Tiel, Beaumont, Hand, Goodall, Bennett, Thomas. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Day, Schrack, White, Shindler, Bruce, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Coburn, Palmer, G. L. Taylor, Kelly. No. 62, Yeager. No. 67, Hutchinson, Bolt, McIlree, Wood, Worthington, Van Osten, Rutherford, Sherrill, Loudenslager, Roberts. No. 71, Barnes. No. 72, Brown, Phillips, Thompson, Irvine, Abbott, Hoffman. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Van Osten, Lee, Mustin, Taylor. No. 114, Jacobs, Buck-

ingham, Brooks. No. 115, Shultz, Black, Webb, Kraft, Adams, Leigh, Yost. No. 121, Ireland. No. 125, Remak, Engelhoffer. No. 126, Miller, Page. No. 130, Easby, Strickland, Riley, Lescure, Van Houten. No. 131, Leiper. No. 134, Stevens, Taylor, Becker, King, Stillman, Williamson. No. 135, Klein, Ferguson. No. 152, Sweeney. No. 155, Masson, Neff, Woodbury, Moore, Collins. No. 158, Manderfield, Oliver, Weatherly, Eckert, Funk. No. 186, Adams, Franklin, Watt, Stevenson. No. 187, Benyaurd, Barnes, Hann, Albertson, Russell. No. 211, Erety, Morris, Cartwright, Hall. No. 230, Christian, Brittain, Ziegler. No. 235, Pelton. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Randall, Stevenson, Masson, Warton, White. No. 267, Gruber. No. 271, Wertz, Atkinson, Hubbert, Baker. No. 274, Goddard. No. 289, Anderson, Simpson, Burkhardt. No. 292, McCormick. No. 295, Meyer, Brooker. No. 298, Manley, McClintock. No. 309, Gilbough.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. Whitney, No. 22; Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 251 and 282; James Page, No. 222; P. Williamson, Nos. 159 and 309; Robert P. King, No. 194; H. M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 266; Jos. S. Riley, No. 226; Jas. Ferguson, No. 269; Daniel Thompson, No. 304; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320.

Fifty-six Lodges represented, forty-two by Members and fourteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held June 1st, A. L. 5863, were read and adopted.

Amendments to By-laws of Lodges Nos. 2, 125, 158, 186, 221, 246, and 336; also copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 218, 261, 270, 343, 344, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication from Lodge No. 125 asking another ballot on —— ———. a rejected applicant in said Lodge was read. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petition was granted, provided all the Members are properly notified when said ballot is to take place.

A communication from Lodge No. 155 was read requesting permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 186 asking permission to take a ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A similar application was read from Lodge No. 259 to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

An application was read from Lodge No. 271 to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A paper was read from Brother —— ——— complaining of the action of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, in suspending him from mem-

bership in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— complaining of the action of Lodge No. 234. On motion the same was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A Communication was read from the Members of Lodge No. 291 at Scranton, Luzerne Co., Pa., setting forth that they had recently lost their Warrant and all their property by fire and requesting the Grand Lodge to take their financial condition into consideration as well the restoration of the Warrant or some other power to enable them to continue their labors. On motion the financial condition of the Lodge, &c., was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act. In relation to the loss of Charter, on Motion duly made and seconded, it was *resolved*, That they be furnished with a certified copy of the former Warrant attested by the present Grand Officers.

Printed communications from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to wit: From the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Indiana, Missouri, Maryland, Maine, Washington, New Jersey and New York.

A communication was made in relation to the indebtedness of Council No. 11 asking that a reduction be made. When on motion the whole matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown, appointing Bro. Henry Christian as Proxy for said Lodge. On motion the Communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Henry Christian acknowledged as the Proxy for said Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer stated that he had sent a check in payment of a balance due Bro. S. E. Ancona, late D. D. G. Master for expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties and had recently received a letter requesting a duplicate in consequence of having lost the same. On motion the subject was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read, approved and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully present the following quarterly report: They have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending August 15th, 1863, and find them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account	$691 56
Dues from Lodges	3,334 24
Dispensations	150 00
Rents of stores	1,125 00
" " Chapters	193 00
	$5,492 80

PAYMENTS.

Orders of Grand Master		$77 00
Expenses D. D. G. Masters		134 60
Orders of Hall Committee		600 57
Printing		307 00
Grand Secretary's salary	$312 50	
Expenses of office	56 50	
		369 00
Interest on Masonic Loan July 1		1,395 00
Trustees Masonic Loans		1,500 00
Balance to new account		1,109 63
		$5,492 80

They examined the accounts of the Hall Committee and found them correct showing sundry payments for which the proper vouchers were produced amounting to $614.07.

They examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct as follows:

Paid on the $41,000 Loan		$54 00
Balance on hand as per last report		91 50
Leaves a balance on hand this date		$37 50
To pay interest unclaimed to date		$37 50
Paid on the $110,000 Loan		$1,006 50
Bal. on hand last report	$156 00	
Amount appropriated	1,395 00	
Amount appropriated		1,551 00
Leaves a balance on hand this date		$544 50
To pay unclaimed dividends to this date as therein enumerated and set forth		$544 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
JOS. T. THOMAS, JOHN C. YEAGER,
Committee.

SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1863.

The following report from the Committee of Appeals was read, approved and the resolution adopted, "to wit:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 21 the Com. on Appeals respectfully report, That the said Brother was duly entered in the said Lodge receiving the first degree in Masonry, after which charges were preferred against him by a Brother. These were referred to a Committee of Five of the Members. Their report which was a unanimous acquittal was accepted and the Committee discharged. A motion was made and carried to indefinitely postpone the advancement of the Brother and so the matter rests. It is difficult to conceive an excuse for this action of the Lodge; it is manifestly unjust and unmasonic and the sooner the wrong is remedied the better. The Committee recommend the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, That inasmuch as nothing has appeared to justify Lodge No. 21 in withholding the remaining degrees from Brother —— ——— the said Lodge is hereby directed to proceed and confer the same upon him according to Masonic usage.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report, That the appealing Brother having had charges made against him was upon the report of a Committee suspended for the space of six months and if he did not within (six months) said time make certain acknowledgments as recommended by the Committee he was to stand expelled. The Brother it seems was subsequently reconciled to the Lodge and they now ask the Grand Lodge to relieve him from the sentences of the Lodge. The Committee recommend that this be done not by placing the Brother in good Masonic Standing but by setting aside the whole proceedings as being manifestly wrong and in violation of Masonic Law. There being no such penalty as temporary, conditional or qualified suspension they therefore offer the following Resolution, to wit: *Resolved*, That the proceedings of Lodge No. 203 in suspending or expelling Bro. ——— were irregular and informal and are wholly set aside, and that a copy of this report and resolution be furnished said Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 235, at Erie, Penna., in expelling him from said Lodge the

Committee on Appeals respectfully report, That there were five charges preferred against the Brother in the Lodge upon two of which only was he found guilty as appears by the proceedings thereon to wit: the first and fourth. The first charge was unmasonic conduct and gross violation of Masonic obligations, in wrongfully and designedly defrauding —— ———, a Member by false statements of his pecuniary condition thereby procuring the endorsement of the said —— ——— by breaking promises solemnly made unto him, and by otherwise deceiving said Bro. —— ——— to his serious detriment and great pecuniary loss. The fourth in making use of his Masonic connection to defraud and deceive brother Masons merely to advance his selfish interests. The trial after several postponements was had before the Lodge at a regular Meeting in Sept., 1862, the accused not being present and the attendance of the Brethren not being large. The accused was represented by Counsel Bro. George W. Decamp who presented and offered to read the answer of the accused in his defense which was not received by the Lodge as it ought to have been. Bro. ——— who preferred the charges was the principal witness. The whole of the controversy has been caused by the effort to transfer from the court to the Masonic tribunals that which belongs exclusively to the former and with which the latter has nothing to do. The Members of the order should be taught the impropriety of turning Masonry to a business account and checked in every effort they may make to have their business quarrels made the subject of Masonic investigation. This Grand Lodge has already settled the principle that unless some Masonic pledge has been given and violated, it will not take cognizance of such cases, and time has shown the wisdom of this decision. It does not appear from the testimony of ——— that any such pledge was given. He merely says in his testimony that Bro. ——— applied to him as a Mason while he makes it no part of the charge against him of his having given any pledge at the time and violated it thereafter. Bro. ——— on the other hand alleges that he acted in good faith, that he did all he could to protect Bro. ——— by giving him a judgment along with other Brother Masons whom he was also desirous of protecting, all of whom he says would have been protected and saved from loss but for the violation of a promise on the part of Bro. ——— that he would not issue execution upon the Judgment given to him to the prejudice of the other judgment creditors. This however he did do and insisted upon a sale under it which led to a great sacrifice of Brother ———'s property and occasioned a loss to the Judgment creditors. The court decided that the Judgment creditors should be paid *pro rata* out of the proceeds of the sale, thus clearly showing that Brother ——— had issued his execution contrary to agreement, for the purpose of getting ahead of the others and that the allegation of bad faith by Bro. ——— against Bro. ——— is well founded. The proceedings of the Lodge were irregular. There was grave error in their refusal to permit

the whole of the defense of the accused to be read and in finding him guilty on the evidence submitted. The fourth charge upon which he was found guilty was of so general a character that he could not come prepared to defend himself against it, and all of the charges were mainly in reference to business transactions outside of Masonry and should not have been entertained by the Lodge in the shape in which they were presented at all. The present Master of Lodge No. 235 was before the Committee and made his statement. The Minutes of the Lodge were also in evidence, and a number of statements, letters and affidavits were produced. To go into a detailed examination of all the facts would consume entirely too much time and be productive of no good result. The substantial important features of the case are alluded to in this report and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: *Resolved*, That the action of Lodge No. 235 in the matter of the trial and expulsion of Bro. —— ——— was irregular in this, entertaining the charges preferred against him, in denying to him the privilege and right of having his defense read and in finding him guilty on evidence which did not sustain any of the charges made. *Resolved*, That the action of said Lodge in the case of Bro. ——— be wholly revised. That the Lodge be directed to dismiss the charges and that Bro. ——— be and he is hereby restored to his former Masonic Standing.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, "to wit:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws to whom had been referred the applications of Lodges asking the approval of certain amendments to their By-laws respectfully recommend the approval of Nos. 2, 125, 158, 186, 221, 246, and 336. They further report that the proposed new By-laws of Lodges Nos. 218, 261, 270, 343, and 344 be referred back for amendment as they require very many and extensive alterations before they can merit the approval of the Committee and many of the By-laws which have heretofore been submitted to the Committee are open to the same remarks. The Committee deem the present a fitting opportunity for submitting the following general remarks or observations on the subject of the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges and recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of some general rules which will very much lighten the labors of your Committee and tend, it is believed, to simplify and render more uniform and consistent the rules for the interior government of Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction. The Committee observe that the great majority of the Lodges in framing their By-laws have failed to recognize the appropriate and limited office of By-laws which is to provide such minor rules for the particular Lodge in its internal management as

are not provided by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge. There are few of the Lodges whose By-laws do not include regulations upon matters expressly provided for in the Ahiman Rezon, sometimes such By-laws are in the very words of the Ahiman Rezon, but oftener in a different phraseology meant to be of the same import which almost in every instance however even with the most careful supervision of the Committee leaves room for doubt and question. The object of thus incorporating portions of the General Constitution and Regulations with the By-laws is undoubtedly a good one, to wit: for the information and guidance of those who may not readily have access to a copy of the Ahiman Rezon. Some of the Lodges have extracts from the Ahiman Rezon printed and bound up with their By-laws but even in these cases very much of the same matter is often incorporated into the By-laws themselves. The By-laws in the very nature of things ought to be strictly confined to their legitimate and limited purpose; as instances of the irregularity to which your Committee allude they need only refer to the articles on "meetings" and on "applications for Initiations and Membership." In the first of these articles it is necessary to specify the days of meeting but the hours are fixed by the Ahiman Rezon; yet your Committee doubt if there is a single Lodge within this jurisdiction whose By-laws when submitted are not cumbered with a provision as to the hours of meeting. In regard to application for Initiation and Membership most if not all the Lodges have in their By-laws an article the greater part of which is made up of matters expressly provided for in the Ahiman Rezon, so too the elective officers with the time and manner of their election and the time of their Installation are frequently specified in the By-laws when all these matters are subjects of express provision in the Ahiman Rezon. Other examples might be given but the above are sufficient. The Committee on By-laws have not brought the subject up before because it has only been within the last few years that the number of new By-laws submitted to the Committee has been so great as to render their labors onerous and no plan had suggested itself as a remedy without depriving the Lodges of the benefit of having the substance of the more important part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in the hands of all their members. The Committee however now are prepared to respectfully recommend to the R. W. Grand Lodge the following plan: That the Committee on By-laws be instructed to select such extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary or useful for the guidance and government of Subordinate Lodges in their duties as separate Lodges and that said extracts together with the resolutions submitted with this report be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary in the usual 16mo. form. That all subordinate Lodges shall hereafter be prohibited from incorporating either *verbatim* or in substance any such extracts in their By-laws. That

whenever a subordinate Lodge shall adopt a new set of By-laws it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary when he shall certify to said Lodge the approval thereof by the Grand Lodge, to furnish said Lodge at cost price with such number of printed copies of said extracts as shall be sufficient to afford one to each copy of the edition of said By-laws the Lodge shall inform him they intend to print, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to have a copy of said extracts bound up with each copy of their By-laws they shall have printed. One other matter in reference to the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges the Committee desire to call attention to and ask the action of the Grand Lodge upon. The By-laws of all the Lodges contain articles upon the same subjects; for instance "Meetings," "Election of Officers," "Duties of Officers," "Fees," "Dues," "Resignations," "Charity," "Committees," "Amendments" and perhaps others. Without of course intending to compel the Subordinate Lodges to have exactly the same By-laws upon these subjects which would be impracticable as well as in violation of the Ahiman Rezon (p. 31) your Committee think it very desirable that the By-laws of all the Lodges which relate to the same subject shall be uniform in their *phraseology;* the advantage will be not only in much simplifying the labors of this Committee but in making it easier to preserve entire uniformity in the decisions of the Grand Lodge in all appeals in cases of alleged violation of By-laws and it will render the government of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction more entirely uniform and consistent. Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend that the Committee on By-laws be instructed to prepare and have printed a series of forms of By-laws on all the subjects upon which By-laws may be enacted by subordinate Lodges and that two copies of said forms be sent to each Lodge under this jurisdiction and two copies with the Warrant of Constitution of each new Lodge which shall be hereafter constituted by this Grand Lodge, and that the Subordinate Lodges be directed in framing their By-laws or any Amendment to the same to conform strictly to such forms in all By-laws and Amendments they may enact upon the same subjects respectively. It is not intended to compel the Lodges to enact By-laws upon every subject for which a form may be prepared but only to provide that in such as they do enact they shall follow the forms prepared. In order to make this report complete the Committee further recommend that every Lodge which has heretofore adopted a set of By-laws shall before printing the same or any new edition thereof amend said By-laws so as to conform to the recommendations of this report and send the same so amended to the Grand Lodge for approval. The Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions in accordance with the above report: *First. Resolved*, That the Committee on By-laws be instructed to select such extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary or useful for the guidance and government of Subordinate Lodges in their duties

as separate Lodges and that such extracts be printed by the Grand Lodge in the usual 16mo. form and that no Subordinate Lodge shall hereafter incorporate either *verbatim* or in substance any such extracts in their By-laws.

Second. Resolved, That whenever a subordinate Lodge shall adopt a new set of By-laws it shall, when the same are sent to the Grand Lodge for approval, inform the Grand Secretary of the number of copies intended to be printed and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary when he shall certify to said Lodge the approval of said By-laws by the Grand Lodge to furnish said Lodge at cost price with a like number of printed copies of the extracts provided for in the preceding resolution, and it shall be the duty of said Lodge to have one copy of the same bound up with each copy of their By-laws they shall have printed. *Third. Resolved*, That the Committee on By-laws be instructed to prepare and have printed a series of forms of By-laws on all the subjects upon which By-laws may be enacted by subordinate Lodges together with such suggestions in reference to framing and enacting By-laws as may be useful and that two copies of the same be sent by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge under this Jurisdiction and two copies with the Warrant of Constitution of each Lodge which shall be hereafter constituted by the Grand Lodge and that the Subordinate Lodges be directed in framing their By-laws or Amendments to the same to conform strictly to such forms in all By-laws or Amendments they may enact upon the same subjects respectively. *Fourth. Resolved*, That every Lodge which has heretofore adopted a set of By-laws shall before printing the same or any new edition thereof, amend said By-laws in conformity with these resolutions and forward the same so amended to the Grand Lodge for approval. *Fifth. Resolved*, That such parts of these resolutions as the Committee on By-laws think proper be printed in connection with the extracts provided for in the first resolution. *Sixth. Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing and Publishing be recommended to have this report except as far as relates to the particular amendments and By-laws referred to the Committee printed in the abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

The following communication from the Hall Committee was read and referred to the Board of Grand Officers in conjunction with the Hall Committee with power to act.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

SIRS AND BROTHERS: The condition of the sub-basements of the New Masonic Hall has been the cause of considerable anxiety to your present and former Hall Committees owing to the continuous flow of water into them which renders them not only totally unfit for use, but do the foundations of the building no good and furthermore is

the cause of sickness of some of the occupants of the Building. Some years since your Hall Committee employed gangs of men with pumps which were days and nights incessantly at work but without any general beneficial results. Your Hall Committee was then compelled to solicit from the Grand Lodge an appropriation to enable them to tear out and raise the furnaces in the cellars to a sufficient height as they supposed at the time to prevent the water ever again reaching the same. The furnaces were rearranged at considerable expense and the building properly heated during the ensuing winter but since then the water has been gradually rising until its depth at the present time will prevent fires being introduced into the furnaces with which to heat this large building unless some immediate and permanent remedy is introduced. In view of the evil herein mentioned the Hall Committee at its last session held Sept. 1st, 1863, passed the following resolution, viz.: *Resolved*, That the Hall Committee report at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge the condition of the sub-basements of the New Hall and impress upon that body the utter impossibility of heating the same in consequence of the water from natural springs rising in the sub-basements to such a heighth as to prevent the use of the furnaces and recommend the procuring of an apparatus for heating, draining and ventilating the building, similar to that in use in the New Post Office Building. Your Committee respectfully asking the Grand Lodge for instructions in the premises.

By order of the Hall Committee.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, *Secretary.*

PHILA., Sept. 5, 1863.

Visiting Brethren admitted during the evening to wit: Bros. John H. Brown, Pickaway Lodge, No. 23, Ohio; Henry B. Lippincott, No. 32, N. J.; Clinton Fritz, No. 57, Illinois; Walter G. Hughes, Friendship Lodge, No. 84, Md.; William Breld Drake, Montgomery Lodge, Milford, Mass.; Emil Quevner, No. 3; Benj. Mustin, No. 19; Alonzo B. Turner, No. 62; David Worrell, No. 67; Peter Sherry and William Cremer, No. 81; Isaac K. Childs, No. 114; Z. Duncan Ross, Benton Green, No. 121; Mayer Eicholz, No. 125; James Welsh, No. 135; Joseph Kunke, No. 155; Henry Einwachter, No. 211; Geo. J. Ziegler, No. 230; William Massey, Jr., and Wm. B. Hackenburg, No. 246; Jacob Miller, No. 271; George Dix, No. 292; Charles L. Maxwell, No. 296; Alfred K. Scholl, No. 298.

The Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, A. D. 1863. A. L. 5863.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication. *Present:* BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master. Lucius H.

Scott, R. W. D. G. M. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. W. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. W. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. George W. Wood, G. M. Robert P. King, G. S. B. Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. D. Atwood Smith, Jr. G. D. John Bolt and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. Fredk. Hoffman, Jr., G. Pursuivant. James Harper, Jno. Thomson, James Page, Josiah Randall, James Hutchinson, Wm. Barger, Saml. H. Perkins, Henry Phillips, Peter Fritz, William Whitney, P. G. Masters. Knapp, Bond, Stichter, Craft, Stewart, Howell, Pollock, McCabe, Sweeney, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, R. C. and Sam'l Floyd, Alexander, Burton, Graham. No. 3, Bilger, Carlin, Maginnis, Thomson, Brown, Skerrett, Hatfield, Martin, Ingram, Hall, Leddy. No. 9, Mahony, Leach, Palmer, Henderson, Duffield. No. 19, Karrick, Beaumont, McGinnis, Hand, Thornley, Thomas, Griscom. No. 21, Johnson. No. 22, Walker. No. 25, Scott, Martin, Jackson. No. 43, Howell, Carpenter. No. 45, Pollock, Snodgrass. No. 51, Thomson, Thackara, Whitney, Howell. No. 52, Shindler, Ferguson, Day, White, Schrack, Wilson, Jr. and Sr., Hanold, Bruce. No. 59, Adams, Jas. L. Taylor, Coburn, Davenport, Kelly. No. 62, Stichter, Yeager. No. 67, Deklyne, Worthington, Griffiths, Roberts, Smith, Baugh, Van Osten, Shewell, Hutchinson, Simpson, Rutherford, Bolt, McIlree, Loudenslager, Stagers, Reess, Jas. Hutchinson, Dunn, Wood. No. 71, Weikle, Bladen, Jones, Price, Burns, Frismuth, Ed. B. Schnider, Hutchinson. No. 72, Dickson, Phillips, Williams, Ashton, Colladay, Barger, George and W. S. Abbott, Irvin, Thomas, Potter, Moore, Coleman, Thompson, White. No. 75, Knapp, Oberholtzer. No. 81, Dietrich, Davidson. No. 91, Drane, Barry, S. C. and S. H. Perkins, Van Osten, Lee, Connolly. No. 114, Stevenson, Brooks, Kingston, Thompson, Buckingham, Morrell, Jacobs, Harper, Boyd, Stokely, Clark. No. 115, Adams, Schultz, Leigh, Yost, Kraft, Webb, Wallis, Black, Parker. No. 121, Foering, A. Ireland, Smith, Brown, Vaux. No. 125, Wollenweber, Norwitz, Muckle, Peeler, Staake. No. 126, Page. No. 130, Ebert, Logue, Strickland, Giller, Lescure, Kirkpatrick, Riley, Van Houten, MacBride, Severns, Stokes, Stillman. No. 131, Alkins, Akers, Squires. No. 134, Taylor, Keyser, King, Van Cleve, Williamson. No. 135, McCully, Ferguson, McFarland, Johnston, Klein. No. 152, Sweeney, Stein, Porter. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Waters, Collins, Porter, Fritz, Miller, Neff, Martin, Hedges, Masson, Helm, Bacon, Woodbury. No. 158, Shields, Ewing, Eckbert, Manderfield, Sinn, Wills, Funk. No. 186, Stevenson, Watt, Gaskell, Wanklin, Little, Devereux, McIntyre, Fletcher, Boswell, Smith. No. 187, Matthews, Zimmermann, Barnes, Hann, Neill, Benyaurd, Russell, Albertson, Fulmer, Parsons, Loeser. No. 194, Vallerchamp. No. 211, Lewis, Morris, Cartwright, Dorlan, Dickinson. No. 216, Washburn. No. 218, Turner. No. 220, Cresswell. No. 227, Till, Lowe. No. 230, Taylor, Christian, Brittain, Evans. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Watson, Wildey, Randall, Masson, Hubbert, Baker. No. 249, Greaves. No. 255, Helfenstein. No. 258, Bond.

No. 265, Knapp. No. 266, Bentz, Jones, Spahr. No. 267, Gruber. No. 271, Atkinson, Evans, Meyer. No. 273, Harvey. No. 274, Goddard. No. 275, Wertz. No. 284, Martin. No. 289, Anderson, Simpson, Burkhardt, Phillips. No. 292, McCormick. No. 295, Brooker. No. 305, Stewart. No. 324, Rowe. No. 326, Lichtenwallner, Faust. No. 330, Giles, Green, No. 333, Thayer, Bechtel, Rehrig. No. 343, Gilfillan, McClellan, Morgan.

Proxies: Bros. W. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 251, and 282; Peter Williamson, Nos. 156 and 309; William Barger, Nos. 164, 237, and 297; James Simpson, No. 163; Henry M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 268; Harman Baugh, No. 258; A. M. Pollock, No. 221; Peter Fritz, No. 223; John M. Davenport, No. 225; James Page, No. 222; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; Edwd. Strickland, No. 227; John Thornley, No. 229; George Thomson, No. 241; James Hutchinson, No. 253; George Smith, No. 259; James Shields, Nos. 260 and 308; William Leach, Nos. 261, 263, and 301; James Ferguson, No. 269; George H. Ashton, Nos. 275 and 312; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286 and 294; Oscar Thompson, No. 304; David C. Skerrett, No. 317; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320; James Palmer, No. 331.

Votes by Jewels: Bros. John Vallechamp, of No. 194, for Sr. and Jr. Wardens; William Turner, of No. 218, for W. M. and Sr. and Jr. Wardens; Charles P. Helfenstein, of No. 255, for Sr. and Jr. Wardens; William W. Master, of No. 305, for W. M. and Sr. and Jr. Wardens.

One hundred and one Lodges represented. Sixty-four by Members and thirty-seven by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past six o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held Sept. 7th, 1863, were read and adopted.

The Printed proceedings of sister Grand Lodges were received and referred from Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Connecticut, Iowa, Wisconsin, Canada, Maryland, 2 pamphlets from Vermont.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 283 appointing Bro. John L. Goddard Proxy of said Lodge. On motion the Communication was filed and Bro. John L. Goddard acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge.

This being the evening designated by our Rules and Regulations for holding the annual election for officers, the R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren tellers:

For votes by Members—Bros. John Thomson, George H. McCabe, Chas. M. Howell.

For votes by Proxy—Bros. James Hutchinson, William Lilly, A. M. Pollock.

For votes by Jewels—Bros. Henry M. Phillips, Wm. L. Stewart, Joseph S. Riley.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot. After report of the tellers, the R. W. Grand Master announced the following Brethren elected

to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic year: Bros. David C. Skerrett, R. W. Grand Master; Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master; John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. Grand Warden; Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. Grand Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer; William H. Adams, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The following Brethren were also elected:

Trustees of Girard Bequest—Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, James Hutchinson, David Boyd, David Jayne, and George Thomson.

Trustees of Masonic Loan—Bros. William Badger, James Shields, William Barger, John U. Giller, and Alex. Kirkpatrick, in connection with the elective Grand Officers.

Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund—Bros. Joseph S. Riley, William S. Black, Angus N. Macpherson, Jacob Loudenslager, and George Griscom.

No further business; Grand Lodge closed in harmony, at quarter to eleven o'clock P. M., to the third Monday in December, 1863.

WM. H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21, A. D. 1863. A. L. 5863.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Atwood Smith, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. J. Atlee White, G. S. Bearer. John Boult and Chas. Frismuth, G. Stewards. Fredk. Hoffman, Jr., G. Pursuivant. John Chambers and H. W. Ducachet, G. Chaplains. Josiah Randall, Jno. M. Reed, Jas. Hutchinson, Wm. Whitney, H. M. Phillips and John Thomson, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Craven. No. 3, Skerrett, Hatfield, Thomson, Martin, Hall. No. 19, Tiel, McGinnis, Thomas, Hand, Griscom. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Read, Thackara. No. 52, White, Schrack, Bruce. No. 59, Adams, McPherson, Taylor, Coburn, Patton. No. 67, Bolt, Reess, Jas. Hutchinson, Wood, Smith, Worthington, Loudenslager, McIlree, Roberts. No. 71, Frismuth, Wooldridge. No. 91, Van Osten, S. C. Perkins, Taylor, Lee. No. 114, Kingston, Jacobs, Clark, Buckingham. No. 115, Kraft, Adams, Webb. No. 121, Vaux, Smith, Harris, A. Ireland. No. 125, Engelhoffer. No. 126, De Groote, Laning, Nisbet, Page. No. 130, Riley, Ebert, Lescure. No. 131, Leiper. No. 134, Van Cleve, Williamson. No. 155, Martin, Moore, Woodbury, Porter, Allen, Neff. No. 158, Julius, Funk, Eckbert, Yeager, Manderfield. No. 186, Russell, Boswell, Franklin, Adams. No. 203, Leithead. No. 211, Cartwright, Morris. No. 245, Cowell. No. 271, Young, Wirtz, Brown. No. 274, Goddard. No. 292, Sterns, Yard. No. 295, Baton.

Proxies: Nos. 22, 138, 156, 199, 222, 226, 241, 251, 253, 268, 282, 285, 286, 294, 309, 317 and 320.

Forty-seven Lodges represented, thirty by Members and seventeen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 6 o'clock P. M.

The By-laws of Lodge No. 72 and Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 91 and 245 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws. An Amendment to the By-laws of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund in relation to the punctual attendance of the Members was read and adopted.

A beautiful white marble Ashler was presented by Bro. Joseph Cartilege of Concordia Lodge, No. 67. On motion the Stone was received, the thanks of the Grand Lodge presented and a transcript of these proceedings given to the donor.

The minute book of Lodge No. 69 formerly held in Chester, Penna., by Bro. J. Hill Martin who found it amongst his Father's papers being at one time Secretary of said Lodge. On motion it was ordered to be entered and filed and a transcript of the proceedings handed to Bro. J. Hill Martin.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 194 in relation to Bro. —— ———, who was rejected in Lodge No. 267 subsequently became a member of Lodge No. 194. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication from Lodge No. 126 asking the restoration of Bro. —— ——— to good Masonic Standing. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 253 for permission to take another ballot on —— ———, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 292 asking permission to take another ballot on —— ———, rejected in said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 294 for permission to receive a new application for Initiation and Membership from —— ———. a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted.

On behalf of the Grand Officers the Grand Secretary presented the following correspondence between himself and David Wills, Esq., Agent of the National Soldiers' Cemetery, at Gettysburg.

On motion the same was ordered to be spread on the minutes, and referred for publication, as follows:

GETTYSBURG, ADAMS CO., PA., 23d October, 1863.

W. H. Adams.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have been instructed by Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 336, A. Y. M., to transmit to you the enclosed communication to the officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge. We, as a Lodge,

are too weak and ill-provided to either properly care for the brethren who may attend, or properly to conduct affairs, and we earnestly request the Right Worshipful Grand Officers to take such action and make such provisions to suitably have our Holy Order represented on the day and at the ceremonies in question. We, as a Lodge, or as individual members, will be glad to carry out any instructions or execute any commands given or imposed by the Grand Officers.

I am, very respectfully and fraternally,

Your friend and obedient servant,

L. R. BAUGHER, *W. M. of No. 336.*

GETTYSBURG, October 19, 1863.

Wm. H. Adams, Sec'y Grand Lodge of Penna. Masonic Fraternity.

SIR: The officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Fraternity, are respectfully invited to participate in the ceremonies of the Consecration of the National Soldiers' Cemetery at Gettysburg, on Thursday the 19th day of November next. As all the Lodges throughout the loyal States are interested in the dead on the battle-field here, we request of you that you invite the subordinate Lodges of this State to be present at these exercises. Also, by our authority you are requested to invite the Grand Lodges of the other loyal States, with a request that they send invitations to *their* subordinate Lodges to join in the celebration of these exercises.

We hope you will take charge of this matter.

I am, with respect,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID WILLS, *Agent for the State of Pennsylvania, and other States.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 12, 1863.

David Wills, Esq., Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., Agent for the State of Pennsylvania and other States, for the ceremony of Consecrating the National Soldiers' Cemetery at Gettysburg.

SIR: Your communication of the 19th of October to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from some unexplained cause of delay, was not received until the 10th instant, which prevented action on our part in carrying out fully your request. The officers of the Grand Lodge are desirous of knowing if it is expected that they will take any part in the ceremonies of the day, and if they can have comfortable accommodations while in Gettysburg.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary of Grand Lodge of Penna.*

(TELEGRAM.)

Dated at GETTYSBURG, November 14, 1863.

To Wm. H. Adams, Secretary Grand Lodge, Philadelphia.

The Masonic Fraternity will not take part in the ceremonies other than having a position in the procession and on the ground. They can be accommodated here.

DAVID WILLS.

MASONIC HALL, Chestnut St., Philad., November 17, 1863.

David Wills, Esq., Agent for the State of Pennsylvania, &c.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your despatch of the 14th inst., I have been instructed by the Board of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to express their deep regret in being obliged to decline the honor of participating in the ceremonies, incident to the praiseworthy object of consecrating the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, to the memory of the noble and lamented dead, who have offered up their lives upon the altar of their country a willing sacrifice, to sustain the Government in its efforts to quell rebellion, preserve the integrity of the Union, and maintain the supremacy of law. It would be unusual, and contrary to the principles of our order, which seeks no popularity by public display, to appear in procession on any occasion whatever, unless called upon to perform the ancient ceremonies devolving upon us as Free and Accepted Masons, and as such are not contemplated on the present occasion, they feel reluctantly compelled to decline the honor which, under other circumstances, they would have cheerfully and with pride accepted.

I have the honor to be, with high regard,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

The printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved:

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present the following quarterly report: They have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the Quarter ending Nov. 15, 1863, and found them correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$1,109 63
Dues from Lodges	2,609 24
Rents of stores	1,500 00
" of Chapters and Mark Lodges	192 00
Dispensations	571 00
Total	$5,981 87

PAYMENTS.

Orders of the Grand Master—Expenses of visiting	$63 00
Grand Secretary's salary and incidental expenses of office	372 00
William H. Adams to pay interest on Masonic Loans	1,230 00
Hall Committee, coal, gas	1,155 00

Insurance on furniture	$200 00
Wm. B. Schnider salary and cleansing hall	239 87
Expenses Grand Treas. office	14 58
Paid to Treas. Masonic Loans	2,346 68
Balance	308 65
Making a total of	$5,981 87

They examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary for payment of interest on Masonic Loans and found them correct as follows:

On the $110,000 Loan	$544 50
Balance in his hands last statement	544 50

Appropriation exhausted.

On the $41,000 Loan		$1,267 50
Balance last report	$37 50	
Amount appropriated	1,230 00	
Total		1,267 50

Appropriation entirely exhausted.

They examined the accounts of the Hall Committee and found them correct showing payments for which the proper vouchers were produced amounting to $1,387 96

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, JOS. T. THOMAS,
Committee.

PHIL., Nov. 26, 1863.

The following report from the Committee of Finance, was read, and approved, and on motion ordered to be printed, to wit:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully present the following Annual Report of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending Nov. 15, 1863. Your Committee have examined quarterly the accounts of the Hall Committee, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, and have found them uniformly correct. The account books and records of the Grand Lodge are kept in the most neat and correct manner by the officers having charge of them. They have taken full vouchers and exercised a general care over the true interests of the Grand Lodge. We now present a condensed statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, as follows:

He has received,

Balance last account	$187 62
Dues from Lodges	23,959 58
Dispensations	2,180 00
Rents of stores	5,375 00
Do. of Chapters and Mark Lodges	864 00
	$32,566 20

He has paid,

Orders of Grand Master	$454 75
D. D. Grand Masters' expenses	468 02
Hall Committee	3,120 46
Printing	517 72
Interest on Masonic Loans	5,250 00
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,317 00
Trustees Masonic Loans	17,348 68
Taxes	1,657 80
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	1,518 75
Grand Tyler's " "	354 62
Grand Treasurer, exchange, postage, &c.	49 75
Insurance on Furniture	200 00
Balance to new account	308 65
	$32,566 20

We next submit a condensed statement of payments of interest on Masonic Loans.

On the $110,000 Loan,

Balance on hand at last report	$126 00
Amount appropriated	2,790 00
	$2,916 00
Paid this year	2,916 00

On the $41,000 Loan,

Balance on hand at last Report	$109 50
Amount appropriated	2,460 00
	$2,569 50
Paid this year	2,569 50

Your Committee have, after consultation with the proper officers and Committee, made the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1864:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Dues from Lodges, &c., &c.	$25,000 00
Dispensations, warrants, &c.	1,200 00
Rents of stores	8,000 00
	$34,200 00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Loans,

On outstanding of $110,000 Loan, Jan'y 1, 1864	$955 50
" " " July 1, "	955 50
On the $41,000 Loan April 1, "	1,230 00
" " " Oct. 1, "	1,230 00
	$4,371 00

Hall Committee,

Hire of laborer	$450 00	
" two women	364 00	
Taxes	2,500 00	
Fuel	665 00	
Gas	1,350 00	
Water rent and sewerage	68 00	
Incidentals	703 00	
		6,100 00

In addition to which your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following estimates for repairs, alterations, &c., to the building, which are deemed necessary:

Estimated expenses in contemplated alterations of stairway of New Masonic Hall	$650 00
Estimated expenses in contemplated alterations of sky-lights over the stores and passageway	3,000 00
Estimated expenses in contemplated repainting and varnishing of Chapter Room	1,265 00
Repainting, gilding, &c., of Blue Lodge room	1,190 00
Estimated expenses in contemplated introduction of a water plug in the Hall for fire-extinguishing purposes, with hose complete	250 00
Estimated expenses contemplated in cleaning, revarnishing, painting, reupholstering, &c., of furniture in Grand Lodge Room, Blue Lodge, and Chapter rooms	1,900 00
Estimated expenses in contemplated counter-ceiling of attic floor	350 00

Estimated expenses in contemplated repainting of front of New Masonic Hall	$100 00	
Estimated expense of providing a new cooking range in the Tyler's Department	500 00	
		$15,305 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	$1,800 00	
" " to pay insurance on furniture,	200 00	
Grand Master's expenses	1,000 00	
D. D. Grand Masters' expenses	300 00	
Grand Treasurer's salary and expenses	250 00	
Grand Tyler's salary	250 00	
Grand Lodge Charity Fund $1,620 00		
Less interest on Pittsburg Loan 120 00		
	1,497 00	
		5,297 00
Total estimated disbursements		$31,073 00

Your Committee append, for the information of the Brethren, the following statement of the Loans of the Grand Lodge:

Outstanding per report of last year		$56,400 00
Purchased and redeemed this year		15,400 00
Balance		$41,000 00

Divided between the Loans as follows:

Unpaid last year of the $110,000 Loan	$46,500 00	
Purchased since	14,650 00	
		$31,850 00
Unpaid last year of the $41,000 Loan	$9,900 00	
Purchased since	750 00	
		9,150 00
		$41,000 00

The Committee have learned, with pleasure, that Bethlehem Lodge, No. 283, whose dues for the year 1860 and 1861, had been remitted by this Committee at its stated meeting December 4, 1862, has since paid up the full amount of those dues, with interest. They deem it due to that Lodge to note this fact with commendation, proving, as it does, that she is composed of correct men and true Masons, thus to pay in full, with interest, an amount for which there was not the slightest claim, except in their own sense of justice and honor. In conclusion, we present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the usual resolutions of appropriation for the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK, MICHAEL NISBET, JOS. T. THOMAS,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1863.

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1864:

Hall Committee	$21,405 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	1,800 00
" " to pay insurance on furniture	200 00
Grand Master	1,000 00
Expenses D. D. Grand Masters	300 00
Grand Treasurer's salary and expenses	250 00
Grand Tyler's salary	250 00
Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,497 00
	$26,702 00

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the following amounts and dates, to pay interest on Masonic Loans:

January 1, 1864	$955 50
July 1, 1864	955 50
April 1, 1864	1,230 00
October 1, 1864	1,230 00

The following report from the Committee on Appeals was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, That Bro. —— ——— appealed from the action of Lodge No. 19 in suspending him from Membership therein for non payment of dues, that appeal having been taken on the ground that the Brother had not received notice provided in the By-laws. The Committee was attended by the W. M. and Secretary of Lodge No. 19 and by Bro. —— ———. Other questions than the one presented by the appeal was brought before the Committee and partially discussed, but as they were collateral in their nature and character the committee without expressing any opinion upon them will confine themselves to the only point in controversy—the fact of notice. That the Secretary of the Lodge endeavored to give the Brother notice in time is not disputed. What is a proper Masonic notice has been settled by the Grand Lodge in another case (See Report of Decisions) Oct. 16th, 1843, and in all cases of Suspension or Expulsion as each now involves a separation from the order, that notice should not only be given but brought home to the Brother if possible. There was no evidence to show that the notice was received by Bro. ———. it having been put into the Post Office and the Brother denied ever having received it under oath the Brother had a known residence in the city at the time, under these circumstances the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the notice of Bro. ——— of his being in arrears not having been served on him at his

known residence but deposited in the Post Office was insufficient and that the whole proceedings tending to his suspension was irregular and are hereby reversed and set aside and the Brother restored to his good standing in the Lodge.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Appeals made the following report which was approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

The Committee of Appeals to whom was referred the case of Bro. ——— complaining of the action of Lodge No. 234 respectfully report, That a controversy or fight took place between two persons in Bro. ———'s shop. After it was over Bro. ——— used his efforts to get them into good humor with each other when as he stated afterwards in reply to questions on the subject, they smoked pipes together as friends. For so stating Bro. ——— called him a liar and used other offensive words. Brother ——— preferred charges against Bro. ——— and they were referred to a Committee of the Lodge, that Committee examined witnesses and reported that the only question was as to the fact of the parties having smoked together which was positively asserted by the one Brother and as positively denied by the other, but do not seem to have arrived at the conclusion whether the fact was so or not although upon reading the testimony there can be no doubt of it, for it is affirmatively sworn to by two if not three witnesses, the other testimony being weak and of a negative character. They further reported that Bro. ——— admitted the fact that he had called Bro. ——— a liar, that it was done under excitement, that he regretted it and was willing to come before the Lodge and acknowledge it. They hoped this would be satisfactory to the offended Brother and upon its being done they recommended no further action in the premises. The report was approved 15 for and 8 against it and at a subsequent meeting Bro. ——— being present made the apology as proposed in the above report, whereupon Bro. ——— appealed to the Grand Lodge. The Committee do not see that in acknowledging the fact that he called Bro. ——— a liar, there was any apology on the part of Bro. ——— for the rudeness and unmasonic conduct of which he had been guilty. Proper brotherly feeling should have prompted him, when he was not under excitement and in his cooler moments to have gone to his Brother and withdrawn the offensive expressions for it is difficult to conceive why he should have used such harsh and coarse terms in reference to so immaterial a matter as to whether two men had smoked pipes together after they had had a fight. He acknowledges he called him a liar but does not withdraw the imputation of falsehood. That sting wrongfully remains and the Committee think it would have been better not so to have let the matter rest, but as Lodge No. 234 has accepted what it supposed to be sufficient under the circumstances the Committee is not inclined

to go behind its action and therefore offer the following Resolution: *Resolved*, That the Action of Lodge No. 234 on the charges preferred against Bro. ——— be sustained and the appeal of Bro. ——— be dismissed.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Grand Officers and Hall Committee was read, approved and the resolutions adopted, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge the subject of heating the Building and freeing the cellar from water was referred to the Grand Officers in conjunction with the Hall Committee. A joint meeting was held at which very careful consideration was given to the questions which were necessarily involved in the duty assigned and the resolutions under which their action was authorized after all the views entertained of the several members present had been submitted, thought best to adopt the following conclusions: The season was too far advanced for any radical change in the mode of heating, requiring as it would too long a period to complete it, the present high price of material and labor would augment the cost. They fear that to undertake any such changes might result in having no heat for the building when the winter weather would demand it, the uncertainty of adopting with success any mode of heating the building as it is now arranged and the necessary alterations that such place would require in its present construction. These conclusions have been the result of the consideration and examination given to the subject, it was thought best to adopt a plan temporarily to remove the water from the cellar, use the furnaces for the winter and leave the other questions for more matured reflection. The following resolution was then unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, that the water be pumped out of the cellar and a temporary board platform be placed between the front of the building and the furnaces to enable the cellar to be used in the course of the winter. The Hall Committee having already paid for the woodwork which the resolution authorized to be laid on the cellar floor the annexed bill is presented for pumping the water. The following resolutions are submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the sum of $222.25 be paid for removing the water out of the cellar of the Masonic Hall. *Resolved*, that the Committee be continued.

Signed, WM. H. ADAMS, *on behalf of Com.*

MASONIC HALL, Dec., A. L. 5863.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read, approved and the Resolutions appended thereto adopted, "to wit:"

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully present the following report: That since the adoption of the last report by the Right Wor-

shipful Grand Lodge at the Grand Quarterly Communication, Sept. 7th, 1863, your Committee have understood that much dissatisfaction exists in the minds of the Brethren at the feature of the Report and the resolutions *adopted* by the Grand Lodge which require the extracts from the Ahiman Rezon which are to accompany the By-laws, to be printed under the direction of the Grand Lodge and compels the Subordinate Lodges to purchase copies thereof from the Grand Lodge and have them bound up with their By-laws thus necessitating all the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction to have their By-laws printed of a uniform size. This measure was recommended principally wth a view to economy and the convenience of the Subordinate Lodges themselves. And while the committee still think there would be advantages in the plan proposed yet they do not consider it of paramount importance if the Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges prefer to have their By-laws printed in all varieties of size and style. The Committee therefore in order that the matter may receive the fullest attention of the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend a reconsideration of their report of September 7th, 1863, with a view to the adoption of the Amendments to the Resolutions then adopted which are herewith submitted. The remaining portion of their report and resolutions of Sept. 7th, 1863, the Committee consider of importance and they do not understand that any complaints have been made in reference thereto. Certain they are that if properly understood by the Brethren the advantages of the system proposed will commend themselves to their approval. The Committee again desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of enforcing a compliance with its regulations in reference to the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge held December 20th, 1860, this committee presented a report which was accepted and approved by the Grand Lodge in which among other things it was said, "When 'extracts' from the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are printed the only proper source from which such extracts can be taken is the present Ahiman Rezon as adopted in June, 1857," and the extracts should be literal and refer to the page of the printed volume upon which they are to be found, and yet By-laws printed so late as the present year have come under the notice of your Committee, to which have been appended extracts from the Ahiman Rezon edition of 1825, and which "extracts" contain matters which are essentially changed in the Ahiman Rezon of 1857. They annex to their Report the selection of extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge and from the ancient charges. The forms of By-laws they have not yet been able to prepare. They respectfully submit the following resolutions and ask their adoption, "to wit:" 1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on By-laws presented and accepted at the Quarterly Communication Sept. 7th, 1863, and also the first and second resolutions which accompanied said report and were adopted by the Grand

Lodge be reconsidered. If the above resolution is adopted then they submit the following as substitutes for said first and second resolutions, to wit: 1st. *Resolved*, That the Committee on By-laws be instructed to select such extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary or useful for the guidance and government of Subordinate Lodges in their duties as separate Lodges and that hereafter no Subordinate Lodge shall incorporate either *verbatim* or in substance any such Extracts in their By-laws. 2nd. *Resolved*, That hereafter each subordinate Lodge shall be required to have said extracts and no other printed and bound with their By-laws. They also respectfully submit the following: *Resolved*, That the selection of extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge and from the Ancient Charges annexed to this report be approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Committee further report that they have carefully examined and considered the By-laws of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, and the Amendments to the By-laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, and Lodge No. 245 submitted to them and recommend that the same be approved.

Signed, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.

DECR. 21st, 1863.

The following list of Lodges, &c., prepared by the Grand Secretary, was presented and directed to be printed, to wit:

LIST OF LODGES UNDER THIS JURISDICTION.

Showing the Name, Number of Lodge, Where Held, Admissions, Initiations, Rejections, Resignations, Suspensions and Expulsions, Deceased, and the Number of Members in each Lodge up to December 27th, 1862, A. L. 5862.

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Resigned.	Suspended or Expelled.	Deceased.	No. of Members.
	2,	Philadelphia.....	..	7	5	1	10	..	132
	3,	"	2	4	..	..	5	5	191
	9,	"	..	10	..	2	9	1	125
MONTGOMERY.....	19,	"	1	8	..	1	12	4	226
PERSEVERANCE.....	21,	Harrisburg.....	2	10	5	2	15	3	133
	22,	Sunbury.....	3	6	..	1	6	..	41
BRISTOL.....	25,	Bristol.....	..	3	2	..	..	1	100
	43,	Lancaster.....	..	12	1	..	1	3	242
	45,	Pittsburg.....	2	10	6	..	..	..	120
	51,	Philadelphia.....	2	6	..	4	6	4	137
HARMONY.....	52,	"	1	4	1	2	5	1	143
WASHINGTON.....	59,	"	1	7	1	..	..	..	107
BROWNSVILLE.....	60,	Brownsville.....	3	3	2	8	4	1	68

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	WHERE HELD.	Admitted.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Resigned.	Suspended or Expelled.	Deceased.	No. of Members.
Brownsville	61,	Wilkesbarre	..	7	5	1	..	6	105
	62,	Reading	2	6	3	2	..	3	236
Concordia	67,	Philadelphia	..	7	..	..	1	5	189
Rural Amity	70,	Athens	..	4	..	3	..	1	40
Lafayette	71,	Philadelphia	..	15	..	1	13	1	176
Philadelphia	72,	"	..	2	..	3	9	3	146
Phœnix	75,	Phœnixville	2	8	..	3	..	1	79
Columbia	91,	Philadelphia	1	15	..	2	2	2	80
	106,	Williamsport	1	11	4	1	..	4	96
Union	108,	Towanda	1	9	2	..	..	3	115
Solomon's	114,	Philadelphia	2	8	..	5	..	8	151
St. John's	115,	"	..	10	..	..	7	2	160
Union	121,	"	..	9	..	1	9	1	156
Herman's	125,	"	..	9	2	1	10	3	126
Rising Star	126,	"	..	12	1	2	7	4	140
Phœnix	130,	"	..	5	..	3	10	..	232
Industry	131,	"	..	2	..	5	2	2	73
Franklin	134,	"	1	4	..	4	..	1	113
Roxborough	135,	Manayunk	1	10	..	..	..	1	127
Schuylkill	138,	Orwigsburg	..	1	..	..	..	1	40
George Washington	143,	Chambersburg	3	8	1	..	6	..	63
Charity	144,	Lewisburg	..	2	..	2	9	1	49
Easton	152,	Easton	2	14	..	..	4	2	149
Waynesburg	153,	Waynesburg	..	8	..	4	5	1	47
Mount Moriah	155,	Philadelphia	2	14	4	1	13	6	236
Washington	156,	Drumore Centre	..	23	..	4	..	2	91
Meridian Sun	158,	Philadelphia	8	12	..	1	19	3	271
Evergreen	163,	Monroeton	2	1	..	..	..	..	20
Washington	164,	Washington, Wash. Co.	..	4	4	2	..	5	..	55
Eastern Star	186,	Philadelphia	6	11	2	3	9	5	295
Integrity	187,	"	1	13	6	..	7	5	179
Charity	190,	Norristown	..	7	1	..	11	1	120
Lafayette	194,	Selins' Grove	1	5	..	1	..	..	37
Cumberland Star	197,	Carlisle	..	1	..	..	4	2	58
Lafayette	199,	Lock Haven	2	10	1	2	..	4	112
Lewistown	203,	Lewistown	2	8	3	2	..	..	72
Kensington	211,	Kensington	3	9	1	1	6	5	224
Pulaski	216,	Pottsville	3	2	..	1	..	2	144
Honesdale	218,	Honesdale	1	3	..	3	1	..	45
St. John's	219,	Pittsburg	5	11	3	3	1	1	160
Portage	220,	Hollidaysburg	..	7	1	2	21	2	77
Franklin	221,	Pittsburg	1	7	..	2	..	4	129
	222,	Minersville	..	4	..	1	2	..	53

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Allegheny	223	Allegheny City	1	6	1	3	8	1	82
Danville	224	Danville	2	2	..	2	..	2	68
Philanthropy	225	Greensburg	1	5	1	..	11	4	85
Mount Lebanon	226	Lebanon	1	10	1	..	..	1	123
Chandler	227	Reading	..	6	..	..	..	3	163
Fayette	228	Uniontown	5	2	..	..	..	2	156
Rochester	229	Rochester	1	3	..	1	..	..	37
Richmond	230	Port Richmond	1	11	3	..	4	1	168
Solomon's	231	Pittsburg	1	1	..	2	2	1	60
La Belle Valle	232	Jersey Shore	3	1	3	2	4	3	49
St. John's	233	Pittston	1	4	2	..	..	1	89
Crawford	234	Meadville	1	6	..	12	4	..	98
Presque Isle	235	Erie	1	8	3	1	4	..	77
Chester	236	Chester	1	7	..	2	5	3	99
Chandler	237	Bealsville	2	8	..	2	..	1	45
Tamaqua	238	Tamaqua	3	4	2	1	..	1	63
Armstrong	239	Freeport	..	4	..	1	..	..	36
Warren	240	Montrose	2	11	2	4	..	1	137
North Star	241	Warren	2	3	5	..	..	1	69
Carbon	242	Mauch Chunk	..	1	..	..	..	..	101
Mahoning	243	New Castle	..	..	..	..	..	1	31
	244	Kittanning	1	1	1	2	1	2	64
Doylestown	245	Doylestown	..	7	..	..	3	..	121
Shekinah	246	Philadelphia	2	9	..	..	3	2	173
Friendship	247	Mansfield	..	5	..	2	..	.	49
Temple	248	Tunkhannock	..	9	..	..	..	1	58
Carbondale	249	Carbondale	..	5	..	2	4	1	69
Sharon	250	Sharon	1	..	..	..	..	..	26
Hebron	251	Mercer	4	..	..	..	..	..	39
Gummert	252	Fayette City	3	..	..	7	2	..	49
Washington	253	Pittsburg	..	5	..	2	..	2	58
Stichter	254	Pottstown	2	6	..	1	..	..	51
Shamokin	255	Shamokintown	..	2	..	..	2	..	34
Milton	256	Milton	1	11	1	4	1	2	67
Western Crawford	258	Conneautville	1	9	..	1	..	1	55
Union	259	New Brighton	..	5	..	..	1	2	46
St. John's	260	Carlisle	..	3	..	4	1	1	57
Hiram	261	Providence	..	6	..	..	12	..	68
Orrstown	262	Orrstown	..	..	..	1	..	..	15
Franklin	263	Laceyville	1	3	1	2	..	..	59
Columbus	264	Columbus	2	12	..	..	5	1	53
Washington	265	Bloomsburg	1	9	1	1	..	4	68
York	266	York	1	12	..	..	1	..	99
Swatara	267	Tremont	..	..	..	..	..	..	56
Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	2	3	..	1	3	2	67

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Monongahela	269	Birmingham	..	8	..	..	3	..	83
Page	270	Schuyl'll Haven	1	2	..	1	5	..	43
Keystone	271	Philadelphia	3	3	..	..	3	2	97
Butler	272	Butler	1	2	..	..	..	2	29
Cassia	273	Athensville	..	1	..	2	..	..	26
Hamilton	274	West Philada	1	10	1	3	..	..	120
Loyalhanna	275	Latrobe	..	1	..	..	6	4	63
Hobah	276	Brookville	..	5	..	..	4	4	46
Clarion	277	Clarion	3	1	..	..	..	..	47
Cambria	278	Johnstown	1	2	..	4	2	..	56
Newcomb	279	Carmichaels	3	2	..	6	2	2	35
Mountain	281	Altoona	..	6	5	1	11	1	98
Juniata	282	Hollidaysburg	..	2	..	1	7	..	49
Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	3	2	..	1	..	..	37
Porter	284	Catasauqua	2	5	..	4	2	..	48
Anthracite	285	St. Clair	..	5	..	2	..	1	35
Columbia	286	Columbia	8	6	2	..	6	5	70
Milnor	287	Pittsburg	3	11	..	1	8	2	104
Jefferson	288	Allegheny City	..	4	..	..	2	..	40
Orient	289	Philadelphia	..	6	1	5	5	2	136
Eureka	290	West Greenville	..	6	..	2	5	1	31
Union	291	Scranton	..	4	1	2	5	1	65
Frankford	292	Frankford, Pa	2	13	..	1	..	3	154
Ashland	294	Ashland	1	..	..	1	3	..	57
Melita	295	Philadelphia	1	4	1	..	3	3	115
Mitchell	296	Germantown	..	7	1	..	8	2	78
Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	1	14	..	6	..	2	44
George Bartram	298	Media	..	6	..	..	..	..	50
Muncy	299	Muncy	1	3	..	2	..	2	37
Mt. Moriah	300	Huntingdon	..	7	2	..	1	2	62
Waverly	301	Waverly	..	2	..	3	1	..	37
Eureka	302	Mechanicsburg	..	5	..	1	..	3	55
Oil Creek	303	Titusville	..	6	2	2	..	3	58
Western Star	304	Albion	2	9	..	3	..	1	24
Hawley	305	Hawley	..	5	..	1	..	..	41
Trojan	306	Troy	5	6	1	1	..	..	46
Williamson	307	Womelsdorf	..	..	..	2	6	..	36
Washington	308	Fort Washingt'n	..	4	..	..	..	1	40
Williamson	309	Downingtown	..	4	..	2	..	..	44
Warren	310	Perkiomen B'dge	..	1	..	1	2	..	19
Mt. Bethel	311	Williamsburg	1	2	..	..	..	..	38
Cambria	312	Ebensburg	..	3	..	1	..	1	43
Indiana	313	Indiana	1	..	..	3	..	1	32
Clearfield	314	Clearfield	1	2	..	5	2	1	31

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Cumberland Valley	315	Shippensburg	2	2	..	1	..	1	33
Myrtle	316	Franklin	..	13	5	1	3	1	67
Ossea	317	Wellsboro'	1	..	..	1	..	..	73
McKinley	318	Allegheny City	1	5	1	..	5	..	53
Adams	319	Bloomfield	..	3	..	2	2	..	33
Bedford	320	Bedford	..	5	..	..	..	..	29
Hailman	321	East Liberty	..	1	..	..	1	1	37
West Chester	322	West Chester	..	3	..	2	1	..	39
Peter Williamson	323	Scranton	4	3	..	1	..	1	42
Union	324	Mifflintown	..	10	..	1	..	..	67
Barger	325	Stroudsburg	..	4	1	..	..	2	54
Lehigh	326	Trexlertown	..	10	1	2	..	1	56
Hazel	327	Luzerne	..	2	..	1	..	..	26
Freedom	328	Gibson	..	1	..	1	..	1	35
Craft	329	Greensboro'	..	4	..	..	..	..	49
Salem	330	Hamilton	..	3	..	3	..	1	32
Fort Ligonier	331	Ligonier	..	5	..	1	1	..	25
Plymouth	332	Plymouth	5	..	..	..	..	1	18
Barger	333	Allentown	1	11	2	..	..	1	86
	334	Bradford	3	..	..	1	..	..	52
Eureka	335	Montoursville	1	3	..	..	1	..	19
Good Samaritan	336	Gettysburg	4	..	..	..	..	..	20
Henry M. Phillips	337	Allegheny City	..	13	..	..	..	..	41
Great Bend	338	Great Bend	2	13	..	1	..	..	44
Hyde Park	339	Hyde Park	..	3	..	2	..	..	27
Thompson	340	Garret's Siding / E. Whiteland	..	6	..	..	..	..	25
Factoryville	341	Factoryville	1	4	1	..	..	1	29
	342	Coudersport	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Skerrett	343	Cochranville	..	..	..	..	..	..	18

Admitted	195
Initiated	977
Rejected	120
Resigned	245
Suspended or Expelled	465
Deceased	233
Number of Members	13,988

Total	195	977	120	245	465	233	13,988

An increase of 200 over last Report.
Number of Lodges, 174.

A number of Brethren were admitted during the evening as visitors.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ to 10 o'c. P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, A. L. 5863. A. D. 1863.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James Morrell, Jr., D. G. Sect'y. Robert Clark, Sr. G. Deacon. Edward Masson, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Charles B. Reess, G. S. Bearer, Edwd. P. Lescure and Charles Bard Reess, G. Stewards. J. Attlee White, G. Pursuivant. Wm. H. Odenheimer and Robert Johnston, G. Chaplains. John Thomson, Peter Williamson, Past Grand Masters. Geo. H. McCabe, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Robert C. and Samuel Floyd, Umstead. No. 3, Skerrett. No. 9, Brodie. No. 19, Michener, Hand. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson. No. 52, Shindler, White, Schrack, Bruce, Haines. No. 59, Patton, Reed. No. 67, Worthington, McIlree, Roberts, Griffith, Wood. No. 71, Frismuth, Price. No. 72, White, Irvine, McCoy. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Van Osten, Penrose. No. 114, Buckingham, Morrell, Jacobs, Clark. No. 115, Yost, Webb, Kraft, Jones. No. 125, Engelhoffer. No. 126, De Groote, Bleloch. No. 130, Ebert, Lescure, MacBride, Riley. No. 131, Alkins, Leiper. No. 134, Taylor, Williamson, Maas, Brown, Van Cleve. No. 155, Moore, Woodbury. No. 158, Julius, Eckert. No. 186, Devereux, Franklin. No. 187, Russell, Barnes, Matthews, Parsons. No. 211, Lewis, Page, Cartwright, Morris. No. 230, Christian. No. 246, Hackenburg, Walton. No. 262, Orr. No. 268, Chauvwelt. No. 274, Goddard. No. 281, Mann, Findley. No. 289, Anderson, Burkhardt, Simpson. No. 287, McCandless. No. 295, Meyers. No. 296, Krickbaum. No. 287, Herdman. No. 319, Clark. No. 322, Evans.

Proxies: Nos. 21, 22, 43, 45, 138, 156, 199, 226, 241, 251, 253, 285, 286, 294, 309, 317, 320.

Sixty Lodges Represented, forty-three by Members and seventeen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 10 o'c. P. M.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Dec. 7th, 1863, as related to the election of Grand Officers was read and approved.

Past Grand Master, Bro. John Thomson took the Chair and all but Past Masters having retired proceeded to the Installation of Bro.

David C. Skerrett as R. W. Grand Master. The R. W. Grand Master then Installed Bro. Lucius H. Scott as Deputy Grand Master. The Brethren who retired were readmitted. The following Grand Officers were severally and duly Installed into their respective Stations in ancient and solemn form. All were duly proclaimed and received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren: Bros. John L. Goddard, R. W. S. G. Warden; Richard Vaux, R. W. J. G. Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer; William H. Adams, R. W. Grand Secretary.

An application for a New Lodge at Girard, Erie County, was read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 186 advancing the Initiation fee to fifty dollars was read and approved.

An Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 62 at Reading. Referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Brother Samuel C. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, read the following Report, which was, on motion, approved and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing, to be printed with the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE YEAR A. L. 5863.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging.

The Committee of Correspondence, Samuel C. Perkins, John U. Giller, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, and Edward Robins, through their Chairman, respectfully present the following report:

That they have received through the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary the following documents, which have been referred to them by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, to wit:

1. *California.*—Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its 14th Annual Communication, at San Francisco, May 12th to 16th, 1863.

2. *Canada.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 8th Annual Communication, at Montreal, July 8th to 11th, 1863.

3. *Colorado.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 1st Regular Communication, at Denver, Dec'r 10th to 12th, 1861. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their 2d Annual Communication, at Central City, Nov'r 3d and 4th, 1862.

4. *Connecticut.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 75th Annual Communication at Hartford, May 13th and 14th, 1863.

5. *England.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at a Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, London, March 4th, 1863. (*b.*) Proceedings of a Special Grand Lodge at the Institution for the Sons of Indigent and Decayed Freemasons, Lordship Lane, Wood Green,

Tottenham, August 8, 1863. (*c.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at a Quarterly Communication, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Sept. 2, 1863.

6. *Illinois.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 22d Annual Communication at Springfield, Oct. 7th and 8th, 1862.

7. *Indiana.*—Proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at Indianapolis, May 25th to 28th, 1863.

8. *Iowa.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 20th Annual Communication at Iowa City, June 2d to 6th, 1863.

9. *Kansas.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 7th Annual Communication at Topeka, Oct. 21st and 22d, 1862.

10. *Kentucky.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication at Louisville, Oct. 20th to 23d, 1862.

11. *Louisiana.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 51st Annual Communication at New Orleans, Feb'y 9th and 10th, 1863.

12. *Maine.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Portland, May 5th to 7th, 1863.

13. *Maryland.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual Communication at Baltimore, Nov. 17th to 20th, 1862; and proceedings of the Grand Steward's Lodge, July 3d, Oct. 2d and Nov. 12th, 1862. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual Communication at Baltimore, May 11th to 13th, 1863; and Special Communication, March 17th to 20th, 1863; and of the Grand Steward's Lodge, Jan. 1st and April 2d, 1863. (*c.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Special Communication at Baltimore, August 17th and 18th, 1863.

14. *Massachusetts.*—Abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Boston, from March 12th to Dec. 30th, 1862.

15. *Michigan.*—(*a.*) Transactions of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Detroit, Jan. 14th to 16th, 1863. (*b.*) A Communication, dated La Grange, Kentucky, July 6, 1863, signed Rob. Morris, and addressed "To the Freemasons of Michigan," in reference to the Institution known as the Conservators' Association.

16. *Missouri.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 43d Annual Communication at St. Louis, May 25th to 29th, 1863. (*b.*) Preamble and Resolutions unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, May 28th, 1863, in reference to an Institution known as the Conservators' Association. (*c.*) A Solemn Protest, dated La Grange, Kentucky, July 6, 1863, signed Rob. Morris, directed "To the Masonic Brethren of Missouri, against the Legislation of their Grand Lodge concerning the Society of Conservators, in May, 1863."

17. *New Jersey.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 76th Annual Communication at Trenton, January 21st and 22d, 1863.

18. *New York.*—Transactions of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at New York, June 2d to 5th, 1863.

19. *Oregon.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 12th Annual Communication at Salem, Sept. 15th and 16th, 1862.

20. *Rhode Island.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at Providence, for the year ending May 25, 1863.

21. *Vermont.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Burlington, Jan. 14th and 15th, 1863.

22. *Washington Ter'y.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at the 5th Annual Communication at Olympia, Dec. 1st to 4th, 1862.

23. *Wisconsin.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 19th Annual Communication at Milwaukee, June 9th to 11th, 1863.

These proceedings of the various Grand Lodges are comprised in more than three thousand printed octavo pages, and have received the attentive, interested and careful consideration of your Committee. They contain, in addition to a volume of local information respecting the condition and prospects of the Craft in the several jurisdictions from which they emanate, a vast amount of matter which has important bearings upon the welfare of the Fraternity throughout the world. The vital principles of Free Masonry, its landmarks, its relations as a social organism with the moral and physical welfare and advancement of the human race, its power for good, its capabilities for usefulness, and its subjective and objective influences; as manifested, treated, discussed, amplified and exemplified in the proceedings of the assemblages of the Grand bodies which exercise control in the several jurisdictions,—in the addresses of the Grand Masters,—in the Reports of Committees of Correspondence,—in the Reports of Committees on Jurisprudence,—in the orations of Grand Orators, all possess an interest which extends beyond the limits and confines of territorial jurisdiction, and demand the attention of every zealous Brother and Craftsman under the whole canopy of heaven. The duties of a Committee of Correspondence seem to be as yet not very definitely settled or laid down. The title would seem to indicate that to their care and supervision should be committed the reception and answering of all communications addressed directly from other Grand Masonic bodies to that by which it is appointed. But such communications are comparatively infrequent. The usage has therefore arisen of treating all documents transmitted to the Grand Lodge in the shape of "Proceedings," "Circulars," "Addresses," "Transactions," &c., whether emanating from Grand Lodges, or from any source requiring a special notice as concerning the Craft at large throughout the particular jurisdiction, or in general, as proper subjects of reference to the Committee of Correspondence. The manner in which these documents shall be noticed, or the question whether they shall be noticed at all, is left generally to the discretion of the Committee, and depends necessarily very much upon the brother to whom is entrusted the preparation of their report. The present Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge have thought it not assuming too much, to bear in mind the very general custom of late years, of having the Reports of this Committee printed at large among the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; a custom which, if any part of the

proceedings is printed, is manifestly proper, not out of any compliment to the Committee or their report, but from the very nature of the subject it treats. Your Committee think that matters, which if the report were merely to be read in open Grand Lodge, would be uninteresting to the brethren therein assembled, and speedily forgotten, such as statistical details, and which might as well, therefore, in such case be omitted; yet fall legitimately within their province to notice, and may with great propriety and satisfaction be introduced into their report, with a view to the information of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, when it shall be laid before them in a printed form for their deliberate perusal and consideration. Your Committee accordingly have condensed, under the head of each jurisdiction from which documents have been received, such statistical details as they have considered might be useful and interesting to the brethren of this jurisdiction; and will treat under distinct heads such topics, touching the welfare of the Craft at large, as demand notice, without separating the action of the several jurisdictions thereon, except where the nature of the case requires such notice to be confined to some individual jurisdiction in which the subject has arisen.

The following details afford an opportunity of learning and comparing the material condition and prosperity of the Craft in the several jurisdictions:

California.—William Caldwell Belcher, W. M. Grand Master, Marysville; Gilbert B. Clairborne, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Stockton; Louis Cohn, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, San Francisco; William A. Davies, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Columbia; James Laidley, V. W. Grand Treasurer, San Francisco; Alexander G. Abell, V. W. Grand Secretary, San Francisco.

Among the appointed Grand Officers, we notice two not usual in this jurisdiction, viz., a Grand Standard Bearer and a Grand Bible Bearer.

Number of Lodges, 143; initiations, 698; rejected, 188; members, 6,474; suspensions for non-payment of dues, 240; suspensions for unmasonic conduct, 15; expulsions, 15.

Total receipts for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1863, $16,344; disbursements, $13,560.25; balance, $2,783.75.

Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco. Receipts, $5,381.26. Disbursements: expenses, $70; charity, $5,268.24, to two hundred and thirty-nine applicants, of which $274.24 was to six applicants from Pennsylvania.

Canada.—T. Douglas Harington, M. W. Grand Master; W. B. Simpson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Henry Macpherson, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; R. C. Davy, R. W. Grand Junior Warden; Henry Groff, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Thomas B. Harris, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chaplain and Grand Registrar, an officer not usual in this jurisdiction, and also the District Deputy Grand Masters, are *elected* by the Grand Lodge.

Among the appointed officers we notice a Grand Superintendent of Works, a Grand Director of Ceremonies with an Assistant, and a Grand Organist.

Number of Lodges, 155, including two working under dispensations. No statistics are given of the number of initiations, rejections, or members. Suspensions for non-payment of dues, 215; for unmasonic conduct, 10; expulsions, 20.

Total receipts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1862, including balances on hand December 31, 1861, General Fund, $8,268.28; disbursements, $995.84; balance, $7,272.44. Masonic Asylum Fund, $1,396.85.

Colorado.—Allyn Weston, M. W. Grand Master, Central City; M. C. White, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; J. M. Van Deren, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Richard Sopris, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; O. B. Brown, R. W. Grand Treasurer; O. A. Whittemore, R. W. Grand Secretary, Colorado City.

Among the appointed officers, we notice as not usual in this jurisdiction, a Grand Orator, a Grand Lecturer, and a Grand Standard Bearer.

Number of Lodges, 6. The statistics of the number of initiations, members, &c., are not given.

Total receipts for the fiscal year ending November 3, 1862, $641.75; disbursements, $94.50; balance, $547.25.

Connecticut.—Alvan P. Hyde, M. W. Grand Master, Tolland; David E. Bostwick, M. D., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Litchfield; Nelson N. Barrett, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Collinsville; Arthur B. Calef, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Middletown; Benjamin Beecher, R. W. Grand Treasurer, New Haven; Lucius E. Hunt, R. W. Grand Secretary, Hartford.

The Grand Deacons also are elected by the Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 66; initiations, 789; rejected, 42; members, 7,037; suspensions, 3; expulsions, 4.

No report from the Grand Treasurer appears in the printed proceedings. The amount of dues from subordinate Lodges received by the Grand Secretary, May 1863, is $1,357.50.

England.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, K. T., M. W. Grand Master; The Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; G. Cornwall Leigh, M. P., R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Samuel Tompkins, V. W. Grand Treasurer; William Gray Clarke, V. W. Grand Secretary.

A Grand Registrar, a Grand Superintendent of Works, a Grand Director of Ceremonies with an Assistant, and a Grand Organist, are among the Grand Officers, but whether elected or appointed the printed proceedings do not enable your Committee to state.

No statistics are given of the number of the Lodges, &c.

Receipts for the year ending December 31, 1862, for general purposes, £7,303 8s. 8d; disbursements, (including investment of £3,323

17s. 6d.,) £6,740 14s. 6d; balance £562 14s. 2d. Fund for Benevolence: receipts, £3,475 13s. 0d.; disbursements, (including investment of £468 15s. 0d.,) £3,633 12s. 9d.; balance due Grand Treasurer, £157 19s. 9d.

£2,351 were donated to one hundred and sixty-eight petitioners, and £800 to Royal Benevolent Institution.

Indiana.—William Hacker, M. W. Grand Master, Shelbyville; Harvey G. Hazelrigg, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Lebanon; William J. Millard, Jr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Millersville; George W. Porter, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, New Albany; Charles Fisher, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Indianapolis; Francis King, R. W. Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

A Grand Lecturer is among the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 293, including three working under dispensations; initiations, 1,118; members, 11,314; suspensions for non-payment of dues, 391; suspensions for other causes, 11; expulsions, 35.

Total receipts for fiscal year ending May 23, 1863, $6,697.48; disbursements, $5,747.05, of which $4,074.30 was for mileage and per diem of members of the Grand Lodge in attendance at its Annual Communication; balance, $950.43.

Illinois.—F. M. Blair, M. W. Grand Master, Paris; John C. Baker, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Waukegan; Jerome R. Gorin, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Decatur; James C. Luckey, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Polo; James R. Mack, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Nunda; Harman G. Reynolds, R. W. Grand Secretary, Springfield.

The Grand Chaplain, a Grand Orator, and the Grand Tyler are also among the elected officers.

A Grand Standard Bearer is one of the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 372, including seven local Lodges working under dispensations, and six military Lodges; initiations, 1,349; rejected, 331; members, 13,818; suspensions for all causes, 420; expulsions, 83.

Total receipts for 1862, $11,919.02. The disbursements are not stated in the printed proceedings.

Iowa.—Edward A. Guilbert, A. M., M. D., M. W. Grand Master, Dubuque; Oliver George, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; C. K. Peck, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Keokuk; William J. Law, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Bloomfield; R. K. McMasters, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Des Moines; Theodore S. Parvin, R. W. Grand Secretary, Iowa City.

The Deputy Grand Master is appointed by the Grand Master, instead of being elected by the Grand Lodge, as is the usage in other jurisdictions.

Number of Lodges, 150; initiations, 550; members, 4,549; suspensions for all causes, 125; expulsions, 13.

Total receipts for financial year ending May 31, 1863, $2,079.64; disbursements, $2,100.59; balance due Grand Treasurer, $20.95.

Kansas.—Jacob Saqui, M. W. Grand Master, Atchison; C. K. Holliday, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Topeka; J. F. Bliss, R. W. Senior

Grand Warden, Grasshopper Falls; W. F. Johnston, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Auburn; Christian Beck, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Leavenworth; E. T. Carr, R. W. Grand Secretary, Fort Leavenworth.

A Grand Lecturer and a Grand Orator are among the appointed Grand Officers.

Number of Lodges, 26; initiations, 102; rejected, 26; members, 720; suspensions for all causes, 47; expulsions, 9.

Total receipts, $784.85; disbursements, $590.55; balance, $194.30.

Kentucky.—John B. Huston, M. W. Grand Master, Winchester; Rev. P. H. Jeffries, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Newport; Thomas Saddler, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Paris; J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Hopkinsville; Albert G. Hodges, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Frankfort; Philip Swigert, R. W. Grand Secretary, Frankfort.

The Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler are also elected by the Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 321, including six working under dispensations; initiations, 144; members, 3,199; suspensions for all causes, 244; expulsions, 8.

Total receipts for the year ending October 17, 1862, $8,056.09; disbursements, $6,250.04; balance, $1,806.05. Resources of Grand Lodge, including balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, $32,328.93.

Louisiana.—J. Q. A. Fellows, M. W. Grand Master, New Orleans; A. G. Carter, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Port Hudson; B. G. Thibodaux, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Thibodaux; Samuel J. Powell, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, St. Francisville; Harmon Doane, R. W. Grand Treasurer, New Orleans; Samuel M. Todd, R. W. Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

Number of Lodges, 110, including three working under dispensations.

Total receipts for the financial year ending January 31, 1863, $10,155.38; disbursements, $10,136.15; balance, $19.23.

Receipts of Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, for 1862, $1,276.04; disbursements, $577; balance, $699.04. None of the disbursements were for the relief of applicants from Pennsylvania.

Maine.—William P. Preble, M. W. Grand Master, Portland; John J. Bell, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Carmel; Edmund B. Hinkley, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Thomaston; F. L. Talbot, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, East Machias; Moses Dodge, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Portland; Ira Berry, R. W. Record'g Grand Secretary, Portland; Edward A. O'Brien, R. W. Corresp'g Grand Secretary, Cornish.

The last named officer is not elected by the Grand Lodge, but appointed by the Grand Master. A Grand Standard Bearer is also among the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 110; initiations, 1,054; rejected, 155; members, 6,041.

Total receipts for financial year ending May 1, 1863, $3,671.74; disbursements, $2,456.20; balance, $1,215.54.

Maryland.—Rev. John N. McJilton, D. D., M. W. Grand Master, Baltimore; W. L. W. Seabrook, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; James Logue, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; William H. Jordan, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Frederick Woodworth, R. W. Grand Secretary, Baltimore (appointed in place of Jos. Robinson, deceased since election); Frederick Fickey, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chaplain and the Grand Marshal are also elected by the Grand Lodge.

A Grand Standard Bearer and a Grand Director of Ceremonies are among the appointed officers.

Instead of District Deputy Grand Masters officers with analogous duties are appointed, viz.: Grand Inspectors, three for the city of Baltimore, and one for each county of the State.

Number of Lodges, 40; initiations, 183; members, 2,254; *Dismissed* for non-payment of dues, 44; suspensions, 2; expulsions, none.

Total receipts for the year ending May 1, 1863, $6,143.83; disbursements, $5,471.35; balance, $672.48. Grand Charity Fund, $41,078.18.

Massachusetts.—William Parkman, M. W. Grand Master, Boston; Charles C. Dame, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Newburyport; William C. Martin, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Boston; Daniel Reynolds, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Springfield; John McClellan, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Boston; Charles W. Moore, R. W. Grand Secretary, Boston.

The Deputy Grand Master is appointed by the Grand Master. Among the appointed officers, also, are a Corresponding Grand Secretary, three Grand Lecturers, a Grand Chorister, and a Grand Organist.

Number of Lodges, 130, including ten army Lodges.

Michigan.—J. Eastman Johnson, M. W. Grand Master, Centreville; Lovell Moore, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Rapids; Michael Ayres, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Fentonville; A. T. Metcalf, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Kalamazoo; R. W. Landon, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Niles; James Fenton, R. W. Grand Secretary, Detroit.

The Grand Chaplain, a Grand Architect, a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, the Grand Deacons, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Pursuivant, and the Grand Steward and Tiler, are all elected by the Grand Lodge. None of the officers are appointed by the Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 135, including seven working under dispensations; initiations, 1,100; rejected, 319; members, 7,313; suspensions for all causes, 197; expulsions, 26.

Total receipts for the year ending January 12, 1863, $2,444.31; disbursements, $2,495.84; balance due Grand Treasurer, $51.53.

Missouri.—John H. Turner, M. W. Grand Master, Glasgow; William N. Loker, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, St. Louis; Rev. John D. Vincil, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Glasgow; Allen L. McGregor, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Vienna; John D. Daggett, R. W. Grand Treasurer, St. Louis; A. O'Sullivan, R. W. Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

Two Grand Orators are among the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 198; suspensions, 275; expulsions, 18.

Total receipts for the financial year ending May 27, 1863, including balance of $7,338.85, May 29, 1862, $10,368.85; disbursements, $3,088; balance, $7,280.85.

St. Louis Board of Relief: receipts, $1,468.50; disbursements, $874.75; balance, $593.75.

New Jersey.—Isaac Van Wagoner, M. W. Grand Master, Paterson; Robert C. Buzby, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bordentown; Holmes W. Murphy, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Freehold; Chancellor W. Chase, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Jersey City; Jonathan S. Fish, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Trenton; Joseph W. Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary, Trenton.

The Deputy Grand Secretary is also an elective officer.

Number of Lodges, 63; initiations, 71; members, 3,265; suspensions for all causes, 84; expulsions, 2.

Total receipts for the financial year ending January 15, 1863, $2,718.37; disbursements, $1,099.96; balance, $1,618.41.

New York.—Clinton F. Paige, M. W. Grand Master, Binghamton; J. B. Yates Sommers, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, New York; Stephen H. Johnson, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Schenectady; James Gibson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Salem; Charles H. Church, R. W. Grand Treasurer, New York; James M. Austin, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary, New York.

Five Grand Chaplains, a Grand Lecturer and the Grand Pursuivant and the Grand Tyler, are also elected by the Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 476; initiations, 3,197; members, June 1, 1862, 31,566; suspensions for unmasonic conduct, 2; expulsions, 29.

Total receipts for the financial year ending May 31, 1863, $19,845.32; disbursements, $17,183.46; balance, $2,661.86. Hall and Asylum Fund, $45,032.08.

Masonic Board of Relief New York city: receipts, $2,965.75; disbursements, $2,965. Brooklyn Masonic Relief Association: receipts, $1,500.25; disbursements, $1,454.78.

Oregon.—William W. Fowler, M. W. Grand Master; John McKaken, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; S. F. Chadwick, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Ralph Wilcox, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; A. M. Belt, R. W. Grand Treasurer; W. S. Caldwell, R. W. Grand Secretary.

A Grand Orator, a Grand Lecturer, and a Grand Standard Bearer, are among the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 23, including two working under dispensations; initiations, 41; rejected, 18; members, 744; suspensions for all causes, 11; expulsions, 3.

Total receipts for financial year ending September 16, 1862, $5,203.38; disbursements, $866.50; balance, $4,336.88. Educational Fund: receipts, $2,702.71; disbursements, $1,460.40; total amount of Fund, $8,612.39.

Rhode Island.—Ariel Ballou, M. W. Grand Master, Woonsocket; Philip B. Bourn, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bristol; George A. French, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Pawtucket; Ara Hildreth, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Newport; Gardner T. Swarts, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Providence; Thomas A. Doyle, R. W. Grand Secretary, Providence.

All the remaining officers are also elected by the Grand Lodge, and not appointed by the Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 17; initiations, 160; rejected, 27; members, 1,705; suspensions, 2; expulsions, none.

Total receipts for the financial year ending May 25, 1863, $525.17; disbursements, $952.65; balance due Grand Treasurer, $427.48.

Vermont.—Leverett B. Englesby, M. W. Grand Master, Burlington; George M. Hall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Swanton; Ranslure W. Clarke, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Brattleboro; Nathan P. Bowman, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Island Pond; William G. Shaw, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Burlington; Henry Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, Poultney.

The Grand Deacons are also among the elective officers. A Grand Lecturer is among the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 71, including two working under dispensations; members, 3,534; suspensions for all causes, 4; expulsions, 4.

Total receipts for the financial year ending January 15, 1863, $1,815; disbursements, $517.45; balance, $1,297.55.

Washington Territory.—Thomas M. Reed, M. W. Grand Master, Olympia; Louis Sohns, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Vancouver; John Webster, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Port Madison; E. S. Fowler, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Port Townsend; James Biles, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Turn Water; T. F. McElroy, R. W. Grand Secretary, Olympia.

A Grand Lecturer is also among the elective officers; and among the appointed officers are a Grand Bible Bearer, a Grand Orator, and a Grand Standard Bearer.

Number of Lodges, 9; initiations, 43; rejected, 8; members, 295; suspensions for all causes, 4; expulsion, 1.

Total receipts for the financial year ending December 3, 1862, $1,043.45; disbursements, $475.19; balance, $568.26.

Wisconsin.—Alvin B. Alden, M. W. Grand Master, Portage City; David H. Wright, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Madison; John T. Wentworth, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Geneva; William H. Hiner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Fond du Lac; Samuel S. Daggett, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Milwaukee; William T. Palmer, R. W. Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

A Grand Lecturer is among the appointed officers.

Number of Lodges, 128, including seven working under dispensations; initiations, 345; rejected, 86; members, 4,956; suspensions for all causes, 58; expulsions, 6.

Total receipts for the financial year ending June 10, 1863, $5,311.53; disbursements, $3,047.90; balance, $2,264.63.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Committee have occasion to reiterate the regret so often expressed by former Committees of Correspondence, at the great irregularity which attends the interchange of the printed proceedings of the several Grand Lodges. Of the twenty-three Grand Lodges whose proceedings form the groundwork of the present Report, four, to wit: Canada, England, Colorado and Massachusetts, take no notice of the printed proceedings of any other Grand Lodges; they seem to have no Committees of Foreign Correspondence, or any mode by which the proceedings of other Grand Lodges are regularly noticed or considered. The Committees of Foreign Correspondence of two Grand Lodges, Kentucky and Louisiana, report their inability to report at length; do not state what proceedings, if any, have been received from other Grand Lodges; and are granted an extension of time to prepare fuller reports. Thirteen Grand Lodges, whose reports of Foreign Correspondence contain extended notices of such proceedings as they have received, have failed to receive any proceedings from this Grand Lodge. Only six Grand Lodges out of the whole number, acknowledged the receipt of any communications from Pennsylvania, to wit: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Vermont. The Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of *California*, have received only the pamphlet containing the correspondence between the Chairman of the so-called North American Congress, and Brother Vaux as Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge. After giving a synopsis of Brother Vaux's reply to the invitation to this Grand Lodge to meet said Congress, in September, 1862, the Committee say: "In like connection similar sentiments were concurred in by our Grand Lodge last year, and we especially commend the views so well expressed by Brother Vaux." The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of *Connecticut*, upon whom is devolved *ex officio* the duty of preparing the Report on Foreign Correspondence, also acknowledges the receipt of the pamphlet above referred to; and after giving a short extract from Brother Vaux's reply, dismisses the subject thus: "We do not know whether the proposed Convention was held, or what action it took in reference to the object of its meeting. We take it for granted, however, that its application of the 'balm' was not very effectual, as we have seen many evidences, since September last, that 'the country's rankling wounds' are still quite sore." No other proceedings of this Grand Lodge have been received;

but the Grand Secretary prints at length in his report, a communication addressed to his predecessor, Brother Storer, by the Secretary of Lodge No. 62, Reading, Pennsylvania, dated November 10, 1862, in which inquiry is made in reference to an application made to visit that Lodge by a person claiming to be a member of a subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of Connecticut; and as to which applicant, the Committee appointed to examine him, reported that he was a cripple, one of his legs being six inches shorter than the other, this deformity having existed from his birth; and that as they could not report in favor of the admission of one so deformed, they had declined making any examination. The communication was made in compliance with a resolution of the Lodge, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a Lodge such as the one designated by the applicant existed in Connecticut, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, "and also whether persons so deformed as [the applicant] can be admitted into the Masonic Lodges of Connecticut." To this communication, the Grand Secretary, the R. W. Brother Lucius E. Hunt, makes reply in his Report upon Foreign Correspondence, as follows: "We have the pleasure of informing our good brother that Apollo Lodge is not a myth, but a veritable Masonic organization, consisting of active, respectable, conscientious officers and members; and that [the applicant] was a member thereof in good standing, so late as May, 1860, when the names of her membership were reported to the Grand Lodge. As to the other inquiry of our brother, we have only to say, the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut have heretofore been so fully occupied in the consideration of important matters pertaining to the well-being of the Masonic Institution in this judisdiction, *that she had not yet found time to fix a standard for the length of the legs of candidates for her honors.*" The flippancy of tone which characterizes the remarks of the Grand Secretary on both the matters he refers to, strikes your Committee as derogating from that high standard of dignity and Masonic courtesy which ought to be expected in all the proceedings of the fraternity. The name of the applicant is given at length, and whatever may be the intrinsic merits of the question involved, so long as the applicant was acknowledged as a member in good standing of one of the Lodges in that jurisdiction, and not an impostor, there seems to be a manifest want of delicacy and consideration for the feelings of the Brother, in thus spreading his misfortune of a personal deformity—a subject upon which there is naturally an especial sensitiveness—at large upon the printed proceedings. It seems to your Committee that a reply by letter to the courteous and no ways improper inquiry of the Secretary of the Lodge at Reading, would have been the more satisfactory way to all the parties concerned of disposing of the subject. We doubt whether the venerable Brother Storer, the former Grand Secretary, with all his Masonic experience, would have treated the matter as his

successor has done. But the question involved in this correspondence is, in the view of your Committee, entitled to consideration as an "important matter pertaining to the well-being of the Masonic Institution," not only in the jurisdiction of Connecticut, but throughout the world. What is to become of the Institution, if its "Ancient Landmarks" are to be removed and disregarded? The beautiful Masonic edifice will be defaced and its fair proportions destroyed, even if the entire building does not fall into ruin. The "Ancient Charges" expressly declare "that no master should take an apprentice unless he be a perfect youth, *having no maim or defect in his body*, that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due time." It may well be feared that if a laxity or indifference to the physical qualifications of candidates is allowed to prevail in one case, the barrier will be eventually entirely thrown down, and the ancient regulations wholly disregarded and forgotten. The Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of *Illinois*, commend to the Order in that State, an extract from the eloquent Report of Brother Richard Vaux on Foreign Corrspondence, presented at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, December 27, 1861, italicizing the sentence, "*The Union must exist or free Government* is a failure." The Committee of the Grand Lodge of *Michigan* give without comment a synopsis of the Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge for 1861, and of the reply of Brother Vaux to the invitation of the "North American Masonic Congress" to meet in convention to endeavor to pour the oil of tranquillity on the troubled waters of national strife. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of *New Jersey* notice the Abstract of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1861, and remark upon the "well-merited mark of respect" to our R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Adams, in his appointment as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; and speak of the Report of our Committee of Foreign Correspondence as a "valuable and interesting document." The Committee of the Grand Lodge of *Vermont* speak of the address of our R. W. Grand Master, Brother Thomson, for 1861, as a brief, well-written document, and quote with approval extracts therefrom, upon the relation of Masonry to the condition of the country, and upon dispensations for degrees. The Report of our Committee of Foreign Correspondence is characterized as an "able, judicious and fraternal review" of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, and "the style and spirit in which it is written," as "worthy of imitation."

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GRAND LODGES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

It will be seen that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is in correspondence with but two Grand Lodges outside of the limits of the United States, viz.: the Grand Lodges of Canada and England. The

M. W. Grand Lodge of New York is in correspondence with the following Grand Lodges in Foreign States, in addition to the two above mentioned, viz.: Saxony; Hanover; Three Globes at Berlin; Grand Lodge of Germany at Berlin; Royal York, Berlin; Hamburg; Switzerland—Alpina; Belgium—Conseil Supréme; Hesse Darmstadt (Zur Eintracht); Ireland; France, Turin; and Chili. The other Grand Lodges of the United States, with perhaps one or two exceptions, have no correspondence with any of the Grand Lodges in foreign countries. Your Committee are of opinion that no good and sufficient reasons exist why each of the Grand Lodges in the United States should not be in direct correspondence with all the lawful Grand Lodges throughout the world; and that on many accounts such a correspondence would be eminently desirable; and they earnestly hope that this Grand Lodge will fully sanction all efforts that may be made by their Committee of Foreign Correspondence to effect a regular interchange of printed documents, between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and all recognized Grand Lodges in Foreign States. Such an interchange of documents and correspondence will serve one most useful purpose, in enlightening the members of all such Grand Lodges, as to the constitution and relations of the several Grand Lodges in the United States of America, and preventing the growth and prevalence of a very natural supposition, that the Grand Lodge of New York has and exercises a controlling influence and government in the conduct of Masonic affairs in this country. Of the legitimate influence of the Grand Lodge of New York, founded upon her central position,—the great number of her Lodges and members,—the large territory over which she exercises jurisdiction,—the Masonic intelligence and worth which she may justly be proud of in her members,—the dignity and importance of the Masonic interests confided to her supervision,—there is no occasion to fear. Nor is complaint made of her in any respect. She has a right to rejoice in and be proud of her successful efforts to extend fraternal intercourse between herself and all the Grand Lodges throughout the globe. But the other Grand Lodges of this country owe it to their own standing and dignity, and to the interests of the whole order, that it does not happen through any remissness on their part, that they shall be entirely ignored or passed by, or regarded tacitly or openly, by Grand Lodges in foreign countries, as inferior or subordinate to the Grand Lodge of New York. So far as the proceedings or actions of other Grand Lodges form legitimate subjects for comment upon the part of sister Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodges in Foreign States which have been mentioned, now necessarily depend entirely upon the expressions of the Grand Lodge of New York, through her Committee of Foreign Correspondence, as the representative of the views of American Masons. And while your Committee cannot but entertain the hope that no difference of opinion would exist between the Grand Lodges of the United States as to any particular act or pro-

ceeding of any Grand Lodge of a foreign country, which might require comment as concerning the welfare and interests of the Craft at large; and while they are absolutely certain that by no Grand Lodge could opinions and views upon such topics be expressed in a more able, dignified and courteous manner than by the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, still they cannot but feel that each of the Grand Lodges of the United States ought to individually have the opportunity of expressing their views and feelings. It rests with the several Grand Lodges, and their respective Committees of Foreign Correspondence to see that this opportunity is had. Your Committee are sure that the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York will most cordially welcome such an extension of correspondence between the Grand Masonic bodies throughout the world.

SPECIAL NOTICES OF PARTICULAR JURISDICTIONS.

Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Canada seems, for the most part, to have amicably arranged her difficulties with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, though she has not fully secured what the former Committee of Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge have so repeatedly and strongly insisted upon as the true Masonic rule, to wit, *exclusive* Masonic jurisdiction within its territorial limits, of the Grand Lodge established for the particular state, territory, province, or other political or geographical division of country. The M. W. Grand Master of Canada, in his address, says: "I am happy to report that our difficulty with the Grand Lodge of England may be said to be at an end, for although there are still minor points to be cleared up, the very best feelings of cordiality exist. It will be seen that the Grand Lodge of England has erased many Lodges in Canada from her list, but still claims among others control over *seven*, which she must retain at present, owing to some formalities, required by her constitution, not having been complied with. * * * The satisfactory settlement of these Lodges must be a simple matter. There is likewise [St. George's Lodge] No. 643, *Montreal*, the legal existence and continuance of which has been strongly denounced by this Grand Lodge, and which it will be seen, I have strenuously protested against, and I think for valid and just reasons." In this connection it is proper to mention, that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, held September 2d, 1863, the "Colonial Board" presented a report upon a communication which they had received from said Lodge No. 643, at Montreal, complaining of the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in prohibiting Lodges under its jurisdiction from holding Masonic intercourse with the members of that Lodge, on the ground that the Lodge was working irregularly, and that it had once surrendered its warrant and joined the Grand Lodge of Canada. The "Colonial Board" in their report say, "That they

find no reason for this assumption on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada;" and after reciting certain facts and commenting thereon, state that they have directed a communication to be addressed to the representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Canada, "requesting him to bring the subject seriously to the notice of the Grand Master of Canada, and to urge the speedy adjustment of all differences; and although they consider that the Grand Lodge of England can claim as a right to have those Lodges in Canada under her constitution that she regards as regular, respected by the Grand Lodge of Canada, they would prefer that the acknowledgment of the regularity of the St. George's Lodge, No. 643, should be voluntarily admitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and which they feel confident will, as in justice ought to be done, when the Grand Master of Canada has all the circumstances before him." The report was received, adopted and entered on the Minutes upon motion of Brother J. S. S. Hopwood, President of the Board, who expressed a hope "that the good sense of the brethren and the Grand Lodge of Canada, would prevent any further trouble." Your Committee have felt that the importance of the question involved, justified this extended notice of a still existing difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Canada and England, and without further comment, they can but reiterate and indorse as sound Masonic law, the views so ably presented upon the subject of *exclusive* territorial Masonic jurisdiction, by their former Chairman, the present. R. W. Junior Grand Warden. Your Committee express the earnest, sincere and Masonic wish and hope, that these differences may be speedily and harmoniously adjusted. The Grand Master of Canada further states, that "With our first friend, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, no clouds now intervene to mar our harmony."

Colorado.

To this M. W. Grand Lodge, the youngest among our sister Grand Lodges, and whose proceedings are now for the first time among those received and referred to your Committee, we desire on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to extend the most cordial and fraternal greeting, and to wish her the utmost prosperity. Your Committee cannot but commend the thoroughly business and Masonic tone of the proceedings, and to notice with approval as to form and manner, and generally as to substance the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Order adopted by the Grand Lodge. Your Committee would notice, however, as contrary to the usage which prevails in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, Section 46 of the By-laws, which is as follows:

"It is contrary to, and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our Order, to withdraw from a subordinate Lodge, or to reside in the neighborhood of a subordinate Lodge, without becoming a member thereof."

ENGLAND.

This M. W. Grand Lodge has procured a site, adopted plans and appointed an architect for the erection in London of new buildings, for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge, and other Masonic bodies meeting in that city, which will doubtless reflect equal credit upon the Order, and upon the liberality of that M. W. Grand Lodge. Upon the 8th of August, 1863, at a special communication held for the purpose, the R. W. Algernon Perkins, P. G. Warden as Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Officers, laid the foundation-stone of a new building, wherein the sons of Freemasons are to be maintained and educated.

KENTUCKY.

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge requires a representation of one-third of the subordinate Lodges not laboring under any disability, in order to the opening of a Grand Communication. Upon assembling at Louisville in October, 1862, for the Annual Communication, and calling the roll, the R. W. Grand Master announced that the constitutional number of Lodges was not represented; whereupon a committee of three was appointed to confer with the Grand Master, in regard to what constituted a constitutional number of Lodges. The Committee reported that the toal number of Lodges was 316; that 15 of these had not been represented, or paid dues for three years then past; 123 had in like manner failed to pay or be represented for two years then past; and that 2 Lodges had surrendered their charters; that there were in attendance 84 Lodges; and that the Committee had no doubt of the power of the Grand Master to arrest the charters or suspend the operations of the 138 Lodges under the above-mentioned disabilities; and recommending that it be done for a time, and the Grand Lodge opened. The Grand Master thereupon announced to the brethren assembled, that after consultation with the Committee, and in deference to their judgment, he was satisfied that he had the power to suspend the charters of all Lodges for the time being, which had not complied with the constitutional requirements in regard to payment of dues and representation in the Grand Lodge, they having been, as he was assured, cited by the Grand Secretary to appear before the Grand Lodge, and show cause why their charters should not be arrested, and having failed to obey said citation. He thereupon issued an order suspending the labors of said 15 Lodges for ten days, and of the remaining 123 Lodges during the then present convocation. The roll was again called, and it appearing that more than one-third of the active Lodges—those that labored under no disability—were represented, the Grand Lodge was opened. Your Committee have deemed it proper thus to notice the unusual circumstances which attended the opening of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, on account of their

importance in a Masonic point of view, and as showing how greatly the Rebellion and the presence of war within her borders, has affected the Order in that State.

Missouri.

Your Committee desire to include this State among those whose proceedings they specially notice, in order to call the attention of the Craft in Pennsylvania, whose territory has felt but in a light degree the ravages of war, to the wide-spread desolation among the Lodges in the State of Missouri, whose soil has been the theatre of a border warfare. Twenty-three Lodges are reported as having their rooms burned or robbed,—jewels, furniture and charters destroyed,—and their members dispersed. These are in addition to a large number of Lodges from which no returns have been received, and others which have gone down or suspended their labors, owing to the Rebellion and the continued presence of a wasting and destructive warfare within the State. Your Committee cannot but express on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, her sympathy with the sufferings, losses and trials of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri. Your Committee, in omitting to notice specifically the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges, can only regret that time and space alike forbid the attempt. The report of one of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence now before them occupies 125 closely printed octavo pages, and while full of interest as a clear and able compendium of the Masonic history for the year which it covers, yet it is impracticable as a model for general adoption. It may perhaps be found necessary and advisable for the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at some future time, in view of the embarrassments which arise out of the very nature of the case, to define more specifically the duties of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence by formal regulation.

Conservators' Association.

In the Report of your Committee of Foreign Correspondence for the year 1861, some notice was taken of this "Institution," in response to a Communication from the R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Master of Minnesota. From the documents at present under consideration, your Committee are more fully informed as to the objects and details of the "scheme;" and they conceive it will be of advantage to the Craft to make it the subject of a more extended notice, that all may take due warning of its pernicious and unmasonic tendencies. Your Committee acknowledge their indebtedness for most of the information they have upon the subject to the address of Brother James Fenton, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, delivered in the Masonic Hall, Detroit, as quoted by the M. W. John N. McJilton, Grand Master of Maryland, in his address delivered at the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, August 17, 1863. The "scheme"

seems to have originated with Brother Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, who is styled "Chief Conservator." The association, which alleges that it "has been formed of experienced and devoted Masons," is styled "Conservators of Symbolic Masonry." Its *Plan* "comprises one Conservator in each Lodge. He may appoint two deputies, for whose prudence and discretion he will be held responsible. The Chief Conservator has general control and management over the association. A Deputy Chief Conservator will be designated for every Congressional district. Every Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Grand Warden, and District Deputy Grand Master, who unites himself with the association, is an *ex officio* Deputy Chief Conservator. "In those States where the Grand Lodge have established a system of lectures more or less different from Webb's, the association will endeavor to effect its great and important object by instructing one or more of its intelligent Masons in every Lodge, as above mentioned, and thus bringing the influence of truth to bear upon the Grand Lodges themselves." *Its objects* are: "1. The dissemination of the ancient and genuine work and lectures of the three first degrees arranged by Preston, and taught by Thomas Smith Webb. 2. The discountenancing of all changes, innovations and errors of every sort, introduced into the first three degrees of Masonry since the death of Webb, in 1819. 3. A perfect uniformity in the means of recognition, the ceremonies, the language of the lectures, and every thing that is secret in symbolic Masonry. 4. The building up of schools of instruction in every Lodge, in which the same work and lectures shall be taught that are taught everywhere else. 5. Instructing intelligent and ardent masters for the work and responsibilities of Masonic lectures. 6. Affording traveling brethren the opportunity to pass themselves with honor and credit in every Lodge they may visit. 7. Strengthening the tie that binds Masons together by the additional tie of *Conservators of the Work.* 8. The detection and exposure of impostors. 9. Mutual acquaintance, conference, counsel and sympathy amongst the Conservators. 10. Opening the way for a more intimate communion between the Masons of Europe and America." The "Chief Conservator" addresses a circular entitled "Communication No. 1," and marked "*Masonically confidential,*" to any brother he may think willing to enter into the "scheme," and a desirable member of the association. This circular sets forth the "Objects" and "Plan," as above stated; and goes on to say, "No measure will at any time be tolerated which is opposed to that filial affection and duty due the Grand Lodge, or which is contrary to its constitutional regulations;" and closes with an "Invitation" to the brother addressed to participate "in this great undertaking," and with a request to write on the back of the circular: "1. What do you think of the plan? 2. Would you like to know more of it? 3. Whether the details strike you as prudent, practicable and rational? 4. Whether you will take hand in the same? Then send

back the circular within ten days." If this circular is returned with an affirmative answer, "Communication No. 2,' marked *"strictly confidential,"* is sent, which is also to be returned within ten days of its reception, with answers to the same questions as are put in "Communication No. 1." "No. 2" gives "seven details or features of the plan," to all of which assent and support is required. Without stating these details at length, they include, among other things, "a journal, styled the *Conservator*, published for distribution among members only;" a degree entitled "the Conservators' Degree;" and, finally *"a contribution of ten dollars in advance* from each Conservator, as his subsidy in accomplishing the various plans specified." This contribution serves alike as the initiation fee for the degree alluded to; provides the contributor with all the *"auxiliaries"* allowed by Webb and Preston; pays for his copy of the *Conservator* "so long as it may be deemed necessary to publish it; pays his share of expenses of lectures to his Grand Lodge, from year to year," and in fact all other outlays. If this communication is returned with the questions properly answered, *and with the ten dollars inclosed*, the candidate is furnished with a printed key of the "Webb-Preston" work, entitled "MNEMONICS," and when ready to take the degree, with a "Manual" of the ritual thereof. The very statement of the *"scheme,"* as it has been most justly called, is its own best comment; and nothing further, it is to be hoped, can be needed by any Pennsylvania Mason, who desires to remain true to his allegiance to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and to the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Order, to deter him from having anything to do with the project. Its character well entitles it to the severe animadversions it has received from the distinguished brethren already mentioned, as well as to the condemnation it has met from several of the Grand Lodges, and the marked disapprobation with which it has been noticed in the Reports of Committees of Foreign Correspondence, and the addresses of Grand Masters. It has already worked discord and confusion within the jurisdictions of some of our sister Grand Lodges, and they have been compelled to take stringent measures to put a stop to the evils produced by this high-handed and most flagrant attempt at innovation. The Circulars of Brother Morris, addressed to the Masons of Michigan and Missouri, respectively, which are among the list of documents referred to your Committee, are written in a temper well befitting a "Chief Conservator," but displaying little of a true Masonic spirit.

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee sincerely rejoice in the general tone which pervades all the documents submitted to them, so far as the National troubles are in any way the subject of allusion or remark in addresses, reports, resolutions or other papers. Throughout the whole there breathes a spirit of unflinching devotion to the country and the Union, and of unswerving loyalty; yet the vindictiveness and un-

masonic bitterness which upon occasions were shown during the first outburst of the Rebellion, and led us to think that some of our brethren had forgotten the teachings of the altar, have for the most part passed away. Such things were not to be wondered at in the beginning. That they have passed away, is cause for gratitude and congratulation on the part of the Craft, that the noble principles of the Fraternity have vindicated their claims to an elevating and ennobling and humanizing tendency.

The R. W. Grand Master of *Indiana* had propounded to him by a Master of a subordinate Lodge, the following question:

"A brother in good standing in this Lodge has gone South, joined the Confederate army, received a commission therein, and is now in arms against the government of the United States. Can the Lodge expel him?" To which the R. W. Grand Master replied, that for that act alone, he could not be expelled. This decision was founded upon the express declarations set forth in the second chapter of the Ancient Charges.*

The Grand Lodge referred the question to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who, in their report, deny that the ancient law, though correctly stated by the Grand Master, was correctly applied by him, upon the ground that the present rebellion being carried on by states associated with Indiana in general government relations, is not such a "rebellion" as is contemplated by and within the scope of the rule laid down in the "Ancient Charges;" that is, that it is not a "rebellion" within the State. The report closes with an affirmative answer to the inquiry, couched in very strong and emphatic terms; but the Grand Lodge laid the report upon the table. The decision of the M. W. Grand Master, as sustained by the Grand Lodge, was undoubtedly Masonically correct; and the same view is expressed by other Grand Lodges, and especially in general terms by the M. W. Grand Lodge of *Illinois*, in a resolution passed upon the Report of the Committee upon the address of the M. W. Grand Master of that jurisdiction, as follows: "*Resolved*, That neither the Grand Lodge or subordinate Lodges have the right, Masonically, in Lodge capacity, to interfere in any manner with political or religious matters." Nor has any Grand Lodge, so far as your Committee have had their pro-

* "OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

"A Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen, because of the Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answered the Cavil of their Adversaries, and promoted the Honor of the Fraternity, who ever flourished in Times of Peace. *So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, he is not to be countenanced in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man; and, if convicted of no other Crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relation to it remains indefeasible.*"

ceedings under examination, sanctioned the principle, that a member of a Lodge can be expelled under circumstances similar to those submitted for the consideration of the M. W. Grand Master of Indiana. Your Committee may be pardoned for giving the following extracts from the admirable and eloquent address of Brother Jacob Saqui, M. W. Grand Master of *Kansas*, delivered at the Annual Communication, October 21st, 1862: "Never in the experience of this Grand Lodge, or perhaps of any other, has there been a time when the peculiar virtues of our Order were more imperatively needed to hallow and guide the conduct of every Mason than the present. We are surrounded by circumstances which are likely to, and which I fear do, engender asperity and create feelings injurious to our time-honored institution, because calculated to interrupt that harmony and fraternity which form a distinguishing feature of our beneficent Order. Our common country is fearfully agitated, and throbs and labors in the throes of a terrible struggle. Those institutions bequeathed to American citizens by the patriot fathers of the Revolution, and which we fondly hoped would be perpetuated, are threatened with destruction. The duty of Masons in the unfortunate struggle which is upon us, is not doubtful. Obedience to the government is, and ever has been, the duty of Masons, and it should be our pleasure, as it undoubtedly is our interest, to comply with the injunctions of this cardinal principle of our Order. But while we owe fealty and obedience to the civil government, *our obligations to our Order must not be forgotten.* Happily, the duties which we owe to our Order, and those due to our country, can never conflict. Our duty to Masonry is as plain and palpable as our duty to obey and sustain the government of our country, and it is because I fear that in the excitement of our efforts for the preservation of our blood-bought liberties, we may lose sight of that charitable spirit which as FREE MASONS, should ever inspire and guide our conversation and conduct, that I ask, as I now do, your earnest attention to the subject. That no merely political conduct can or does affect the standing of a Mason, or alter our relations of fraternity and brotherhood towards him, no intelligent craftsman will deny. Has, then, the uncharitable and malignant inspiration of political antagonism never desecrated the portals of our Lodges? Wherever the baleful shadow of political rancor casts its blighting umbrage upon the altar of Masonry, there the Masonic virtues cannot dwell. I thus speak my opinions explicitly, because I fear that the malign influence which I deprecate, has already affected the harmony of some of the Lodges of this jurisdiction, and in other Masonic jurisdictions there are those who occupy an honored place in the Order—those who ought to be beacon lights on the horizon of Masonry—who use their high position to set metes and bounds to, and circumscribe and limit within narrow political circles, the *universal* charity of Masonry. In striking contrast with such illiberal doctrine is the noble language of the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsyl-

vania, who says: 'In war as in peace, the Masonic duty and the Masonic privilege are alike binding and reciprocal.' Brothers, can you doubt that when the soothing stream of Time shall have flowed for twenty-five or thirty years over the graves of our present troubles and excitements, the heresies of those who would shape Masonry to suit popular feeling, will be universally condemned?"

A Special Committee of the Grand Lodge of *Kentucky*, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address, in relation to Masonry and Civil Government, and also a resolution upon the same subject, offered by a member of the Grand Lodge, presented a report, which was concurred in, and which concludes as follows: "In the opinion of your Committee, disloyalty and rebellion are violations of Masonic duty and propriety, and should be discouraged and discountenanced by all true Masons, as a blot and stain upon Masonic integrity and virtue, but that punishment therefor, beyond the stern disapprobation of the fraternity, must be left with the tribunals which alone can adequately punish those crimes against the State."

Your Committee refer with pleasure to the fact, that at the time the village of Hampton, Virginia, was destroyed by the United States forces, the records, warrant and furniture of St. Tammany's Lodge, No. 5, located in that village, were removed by some brethren belonging to our army, and deposited by Past Master Chase of the 3d Regiment New York Volunteers, with the Grand Lodge of Maryland for safe keeping; and that the District Deputy Grand Master for that portion of Virginia in which Hampton is situated, in expressing to the M. W. Grand Master of Maryland the thanks of the Masonic fraternity in that State, and especially of the members of St. Tammany's Lodge, for the care and preservation of their property, justly characterizes the circumstances as one "which beautifully exemplifies the principles of our noble Order amidst the fierce and sanguinary warfare now raging."

In the Appendix to the Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, is printed at length an address, dated March 21st, 1862, to the Masons of *South Carolina*, by their M. W. Grand Master, David Ramsay, from which your Committee feel there is need for no apology in making the following extract: "Walk circumspectly in the present evil time, ever mindful of solemn undertakings on your part, in the presence of Almighty God; be faithful in observance thereof towards all and singular the brethren, whether these be met in Lodges dedicate, or only known to you by divers means, in darkness or light, in health or sickness, in wealth or want, in peril or safety, in prison, escape or freedom, in charity or evilmindedness, armed or unarmed, friend or seeming foe, and as to these, most certainly as towards brethren, when masonically met on, by or with all due and regular intercommunion and intelligence. You have registered words which cannot be unspoken or recalled, antedating, as they will survive, all

disturbance among men, and turmoils in State; words which in fullest force and meaning should be ever present unto you in thought, utterance and deed. * * * I charge every one of you, in the name of our supreme and universal Master, to be mindful how you are bound in certain duties whereunto you have called Him to witness your obligations and performance, who will hereafter judge."

In conclusion, your Committee would extend to all the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the most cordial and fraternal assurances of her Masonic regard and esteem, with the expression of the earnest hope and most ardent wish that the entire sisterhood of the Grand Lodges of these United States throughout the broad extent of our whole country, may ere long long be once more united in a kindly interchange of correspondence.

Respectfully submitted by

SAMUEL C. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

DECEMBER 28th, 1863.

The following report was read, approved, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, and published:

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 28, A. D. 1863. A. L. 5863.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund take pleasure in reporting to the Grand Lodge their transactions for the current year:

They have received for interest on their invested capital the sum of		$2,341 09
And appropriated and paid for the use of the Board of Almoners the sum of	$1,800 00	
Paid the expenses of the Trust	2 70	
		1,802 70
Leaving a balance of		$538 39
They also received the annual subscription of the Grand Lodge for this year of		3,000 00
To which add balance from the year 1862		204 14
Making a total of		$3,742 53
Excess of receipts over expenditures, which they have disposed of as follows:		
In Grand Lodge subscription	$3,000 00	
Invested in United States 5-20's the sum of	500 00	
		3,500 00
Leaving a balance on hand of		$242 53

The fund has now reached the pleasing amount of.....	$42,592 53
Of this sum $42,350.00 is invested, and a balance in cash of..	242 53
	$42,350 00

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Trustees.

JOSEPH S. RILEY, *President.*

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully submit the following Special Report:

Brother Riley, President of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, submitted a report of the receipts and disbursements of those Trustees for the year 1863, as follows:

Balance from last annual report.....		$204 14
Receipts of interest		2,341 09
		$2,545 23
Payments: 5-20 United States loan	$500 00	
Cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners.....	1,800 00	
Expenses of Trust	2 70	
		2,302 70
Balance on hand		$242 53

He also exhibited the securities which, on examination, were found to correspond with their statement of investments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH THOMAS, *On behalf of Committee of Finance.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 22, 1863.

On motion duly made and Seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, That a Special Committee of Five be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency of having the fee for Initiation and Membership in the Subordinate Lodges which meet in this Hall and within ten miles thereof fixed at a uniform minimum of $50. (Fifty Dollars.) The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing committee Bros. Peter Williamson, William Whitney, James Hutchinson, Joseph S. Riley, Joseph H. Boswell.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, submitted the following report, which was approved and referred for publication:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Masonic Loans, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the said Trustees, respectfully submits the following statement of their proceedings during the past

year, as per account of the Treasurer, up to December 24th, 1863. Also, a statement of the amount of investments made up to same date, with a view of showing the reduction of the debt on the Loans ordered by the Grand Lodge. Statement of the amounts received and paid out by the Trustees for the present year, and up to this date, viz., December 24, 1863:

Balance in Treasurer's hand as per last report		$331 91
Amount received from the Grand Lodge		17,348 68
Amount received from the Grand Secretary for interest:		
July, on the $110,000 Loan	$361 50	
April, on the $41,000 Loan	933 00	
October, on the $41,000 Loan	949 50	
Total interest		2,244 00
Total receipts		$19,924 59
Amount paid out:		
Purchase, $110,000 Loan	$14,650 00	
" $41,000 Loan	750 00	
Paid interest to time of purchase	371 85	
Total paid out		15,771 85
Leaving balance on hand this date of		$4,152 74

Reducing the debt as follows:

$110,000 Loan, last report	$46,000 00	
Less the purchase	14,650 00	
		$31,850 00
$41,000 Loan, last report	$9,900 00	
Less the purchase	750 00	
		9,150 00
Total of debt		$41,000 00

E. & O. excepted.

WM. H. ADAMS, *On behalf of Trustees.*

The following report from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read, approved, and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, on behalf of the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund," begs leave to submit the following report of the proceedings during the year 1863. In the performance of their official duty they have distributed relief to seventy-five "poor and respectable brethren," to wit:

To 60 brethren hailing under this jurisdiction.....				$1,605 00
" 15 " " from foreign jurisdictions, to wit:				
1 from	Caracas	$35 00		
2 "	England	40 00		
1 "	New Jersey	20 00		
1 "	Iowa	20 00		
1 "	Nova Scotia	30 00		
2 "	New York	55 00		
1 "	Gibraltar	20 00		
1 "	Georgia	10 00		
1 "	Florida	8 00		
1 "	Delaware	15 00		
1 "	Canada	30 00		
1 "	South Carolina	30 00		
1 "	Ohio	20 00		
				333 00
Total amount of relief granted				$1,938 00
Paid for order book and printing notices.....				14 00
Total				$1,952 00
Balance remaining on hand as per last annual report.....				$95 00
Amount appropriated for use of Stewards.....				2,125 00
Total				$2,220 00
From which deduct total amount of relief granted and expenses, as before stated				1,952 00
Leaves a balance on hand December 27th, 1863.....				$268 00

During the year, six of the applicants hailing under this jurisdiction have paid the debt of nature. A small number of venerable brethren who have been relieved from time to time from this fund still remain. To minister to their wants from the means placed at our disposal, is the most pleasing duty which could devolve upon us in the performance of our Masonic obligations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

The annual report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, was read, approved, and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing.

On behalf of the Board of Almoners the undersigned submits the following report of their proceedings:

Amount received for distribution from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund			$1,800 00
Distributed as follows:			
134 applications from widows of deceased members,	$1,475 00		
5 " from daughters of " " ..	80 00		
1 application from a mother of a deceased member	10 00		
2 applications from orphan sons of deceased members	20 00		
142 applicants. Total amount distributed,	$1,585 00		1,585 00
Leaving a balance unexpended of			$215 00

Of the sums thus distributed, there were appropriated to widows and orphans of members of Lodges under this jurisdiction:

129 applicants		$1,425 00
Other jurisdictions, as follows:		
Delaware 3 applicants		40 00
New York 4 "		65 00
Iowa 1 "		10 00
Virginia 1 "		5 00
New Jersey 3 "		30 00
Ireland 1 "		10 00
		$1,585 00

In the performance of the duties imposed on them, the Board of Almoners have sought to dispense the charities of the Grand Lodge faithfully, impartially and judiciously. It will be observed that a balance remains unexpended of $215. This does not arise from the want of applicants for assistance, but rather to the more than ordinary interest which the respective classes of almoners have exhibited, in seeing that the charity of the Grand Lodge is placed in the hands of worthy recipients. The number of new applications during the past Masonic year, induces us to believe that in the future our sympathies and charity will be largely drawn upon to aid the suffering and destitute entitled thereto.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED R. POTTER, *President.*

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following address:

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

BRETHREN: It is cause for congratulation, that by the favor of our Supreme Grand Master, the great Architect of the Universe, we are

permitted once more to assemble in Annual Grand Communication, and render to him our humble thanks for the many blessings we have enjoyed during the past year; and that harmony, prosperity and peace reigns throughout our borders. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, show an unusual degree of prosperity; that they have been zealous in the discharge of their onerous duties; and that their labors have been appreciated by the Lodges in their several districts. There is, however, a proceeding shown by their records to which I most strongly object: some of them have indulged too freely in granting dispensations to enter, pass, and raise—the exercise of a power I have, so far, invariably declined to exercise, although strongly urged in cases where patriotic citizens have entered the service of our country; and if I could be induced to grant a dispensation to enter, pass and raise, it would be in favor of those who peril their lives in defense of the government and constituted authorities of our country. The rule I adopted was, for the individual to apply in the usual form to a Lodge for initiation and membership, and a committee to be appointed; when, if the report was favorable, and a unanimous ballot, I have not hesitated, upon a proper representation of the fact, to grant a dispensation to pass and raise at the same meeting the candidate was initiated. I have found it to work well and give general satisfaction. I have visited all the Lodges meeting in the Hall, and have been much pleased with the harmony that prevails, and the general correctness of the work; there are, however, in *some of them* a few errors, which I trust will be easily corrected. My visits have not been as frequent as I could have wished, having in the commencement of my administration set apart two hours every evening to be in my room in the Hall, to give counsel and advice, also instruction in the work to the brethren seeking it, and have had much pleasure in my interviews with them, not only with officers and members of the city Lodges, but also the officers and members of Lodges from various parts of the jurisdiction. On the 24th of September, 1863, I received a pressing invitation from Lodge No. 226, located at Lebanon, to pay them a Grand Visitation, stating they had never been visited by the Grand Officers since they received their Warrant, some fifteen years since. When, on the 20th of October, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant and two other brethren, (the rest of the Grand Officers being unable to leave the city,) I paid a Grand Visitation to Mount Lebanon Lodge, and was most cordially received. I delivered a lecture and gave instructions in the work; I was much gratified with the material composing the Lodge and the general correctness of their work. It was my intention to have visited many of the Lodges throughout the State, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented. It is my intention to endeavor to make such arrangements for the coming year as to make amends for the past. By the communications which have been received from our

sister Grand Lodges in the loyal States, also a communication from the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Canada, we learn that harmony and prosperity prevails, and that our relations with them are of the most fraternal kind. The finances of the Grand Lodge during the past year have continued to improve.

The Grand Lodge debt was December 27th, 1862	$56,400 00
Of which there has been paid off this year	15,400 00
Leaving the amount of the Grand Lodge debt Dec. 27, 1863	$41,000 00
The Grand Lodge Charity Fund was December 27th, 1862	$38,850 00
Amount invested this year	500 00
Yearly subscription of the Grand Lodge	3,000 00
The fund now amounts, December 27th, 1863, to	$42,350 00

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund have this year distributed the following amounts for the relief of poor but respectable brethren, to wit:

To applicants from our own State	$1,605 00
" " " other States and countries	333 00
Total	$1,938 00

as the report of the Stewards more fully shows.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund have this year paid out in charity to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons $1,800.00, as their report will more fully show.

But to the detailed reports of all Committees having in charge the finances and charities of the Grand Lodge, which will be published, I refer you.

Dispensations Granted During the Past Year.

To Enter, Pass and Raise	0
" Pass and Raise	31
" Raise	9
" Pass the Chair	110
Number of Grand Lodge certificates issued	28
Number of Masons as per the last report	13,790

The report since is as follows:

Admissions	195
Initiations	977
Resignations	245
Suspended and expelled	465
Deceased	233
Number of Members	13,988

The same report also shows that 120 applicants have been rejected, proving great caution on the part of the Lodges in keeping out the unworthy; and, brethren, I cannot too strongly urge upon you the necessity of exercising the strictest scrutiny into the moral character of all applicants for admission into our Order, for admit an unworthy man into your Lodge and you know not where the evil will end. If no worse result should follow, it is calculated to mar the peace and harmony of the Lodge.

There is one other point to which I wish to draw your attention—the selection of the Junior Warden. Too much care cannot be exercised; never elect an unqualified, incompetent or careless brother, if you wish to see the Chair of the Worshipful Master filled by, one, who from his attention and skill in the discharge of its duties, will do credit to himelf and honor to the Lodge; therefore, brethren, I charge you to guard well the South. And now let me invoke the blessing and guardianship of the Great Grand Master of the Universe to preserve this Grand Lodge in its present harmony and prosperity; that its members may be blessed in all their just undertakings; and that we may be permitted again to meet a twelvemonth hence to render praise to His great name.

After which he was pleased to announce the following appointments:

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, Wm. H. Odenheimer, Peter Russell, Daniel Washburne, T. S. Johnston, Wm. Cooper, John G. Fury, Wm. R. Greis.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1, Bro. Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster, York and Adams, and Lodge No. 309, at Downingtown.

No. 2, Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Juniata and Perry.

No. 3, Bro. Joseph L. Stichter, of Reading, for the County of Berks and Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown, and Lodge No. 310, at Perkiomen Bridge.

No. 4, George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for the County of Schuylkill.

No. 5, Bro. Wm. L. Stewart, of Hawley, for the Counties of Monroe, Wayne and Pike.

No. 6, Bro. Geo. Sweeney, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton, Carbon and Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.

No. 7, Bro. E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton, for the County of Luzerne.

No. 8, Bro. J. K. Robins, of Catawissa, for the Counties of Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union and Snyder.

No. 9, Bro. J. H. Humes, of Jersey Shore, for the Counties of Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Potter.

No. 10, Bro. John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton.

No. 11, Bro. Wm. L. Lafferty, of Brownsville, for the Counties of Greene, Washington, Fayette and Somerset.

No. 12, Bro. A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Allegheny and Westmoreland.

No. 13, Bro. Samuel M. Mehard, of Mercer, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

No. 14, Bro. Samuel B. Dick, of Meadville, for the Counties of Crawford, Warren, Erie and Venango.

No. 15, Bro. Ed. S. Golden, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana.

No. 16, Bro. R. C. Simpson, of Wellsboro, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

No. 17, Bro. Franklin Frazer, of Montrose, for the Counties of Susquehanna and Wyoming.

Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. N. L. Hatfield.

Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. Atwood Smith.

Grand Stewards, Bros. Adam Maag and Jas. Ferguson.

Grand Marshal, Bro. George W. Wood.

Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. Robert P. King.

Grand Pursuivant, Bro. Frderick Hoffman, Jr.

Grand Tyler, Bro. William B. Schnider.

Committee on Landmarks.

Bros. Josiah Randall, James Hutchinson, Peter Williamson, with the R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

Committee of Finance.

Bros. William Whitney, Robert Clark, Michael Nisbet, Jos. T. Thomas, John C. Yeager.

Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Bros. Edward Wiler, No. 2; Chas. Padmore, No. 3; Saml. L. Duffield, No. 9; John McGinnis, No. 19; Wm. L. Marshall, No. 51; Conrad B. Day, No. 52; Geo. L. Taylor, No. 59; H. Baugh, No. 67; D. P. Jones, No. 71; A. R. Potter, No. 72; Geo. S. Mustin, No. 91; W. S. Stokley, No. 114; J. Q. Adams, No. 115; A. R. Foering, No. 121; Jno. B. Trau, No. 125; Jas. Laning, No. 126; J. L. Young, No. 130; Geo. Alkins, No. 131; G. J. Becker, No. 134; T. S. Woodbury, No. 155; Jno. R. Manderfield, Jr., No. 158; J. H. Boswell, No. 186; T. L. Simpson, No. 187; J. Dorlan, No. 211; D. Brittain, No. 230; G. K. Randall, No. 246; J. F. Neal, No. 271; S. P. Pedrick, No. 274; Thos. B. Simpson, No. 289; Henry L. Sinexon, No. 295.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Edward Robins, Jas. B. Chandler.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, William H. Adams, Joseph H. Hedges, John Rutherford, Jr., J .Henry Brown.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Wm. C. Stevenson, George Thomson, Charles Frishmuth, Alfred R. Potter.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Bros. James Page, Henry M. Phillips, John Thomson, Robert Frazer, Charles Gilpin.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. M. Richards Muckle, John Bolt, H. C. Howell, Math. Cartwright, Chas. H. Kingston.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Samuel Floyd, No. 2; Thos. D. Watson, No. 3; Edward Henderson, No. 9; Addison Hines, No. 19; Jas. Bateman, No. 51; J. Ferguson, No. 52; J. M. Davenport, No. 59; J. Wagner, No. 67; E. B. Schnider, No. 71; Joel Thomas, No. 72; R. B. Connolly, No. 91; Jas. Morrell, Jr., No. 114; J. Beenken, No. 115; Francis B. Warner, No. 121; Charles Peeler, No. 125; J. Wesley Miller, No. 126; E. P. Lescure, No. 130; John B. Squires, No. 131; Peter A. Keyser, No. 134; John Martin, No. 155; Francis Funk, No. 158; G. P. Little, No. 186; W. C. Parsons, No. 187; M. Cartwright, No. 211; E. C. Graeff, No. 230; A. T. Jones, No. 246; A. Reinstein, No. 271; J. W. Hornor, No. 274; G. Phillips, No. 289; L. R. Fletcher, No. 295.

A number of visiting Brethren were admitted "viz.:" Bros. James Bleloch, No. 126; John B. Connolly, No. 115; Thos. W. Edwards, No. 230; John H. Israel, Chas. McCown, No. 274; Philip P. Brown, Jr., No. 120, N. Y.; Jas. Thompson, Federal Lodge, D. C., vouched for by P. G. M. John M. Read and others.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Brother James L. Taylor, Deputy Grand Secretary.

No further Business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 minutes to 1 o'clock in the forenoon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. G. D. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W G. Secretary. James L. Taylor,

Dep. Gr. Secty. N. L. Hatfield, S. G. Deacon. Attwood Smith, J. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. John Chambers and T. S. Johnston, G. Chaplains. James B. Van Osten, G. S. Bearer. Joseph H. Boswell, G. Pursuivant. James Ferguson and John Rutherford, G. Stewards. Josiah Randall, Samuel H. Perkins, James Page, William Whitney, John Thomson, Peter Williamson, P. G. Masters. Joseph L. Stichter, Robert A. Lamberton, E. P. Kingsbury, George H. McCabe, C. H. Howell, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Umstead, Burton, Floyd, Alexander. No. 3, Skerrett, Padmore, Hatfield, Thomson, Martin, Davis. No. 9, Mahony, Palmer, Duffield, Henderson. No. 19, Till, Hand, Michner, Bennett, Griscom. No. 21, Lamberton, Young. No. 25, Scott, No. 43, Howell. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Brick, Wilson, Sr. & Jr., Hanold, Ferguson, Day, White. No. 59, Laud, Taylor, Coburn, Kelly, Adams, Reed, Watson, Gibson, Johnson. No. 62, Stechter, Jones, Eisenhower. No. 67, Reess, Rutherford, Wood, Downing, Roberts, Loudenslager, Van Osten, Bolt, McIlree, Worthington, Smith. No. 71, Price, Bladen, Jones. No. 72, Thompson, Abbott, Brown, McCay, Irvine, Fox, Thomas, Coleman, Phillips. No. 75, Clegg. No. 81, Davis. No. 91, Deane, Taylor, Van Osten, Lee, S. C. and S. H. Perkins. No. 114, Kingston, Jacobs, Boyd, Brooks, Clark, Morrell, Stevenson, Buckingham. No. 115, Adams, Yost, Kraft, Webb, Beenken. No. 121, Harris, Ireland, Klett, Smith, Brown, Vaux. No. 125, Englehoffer, Muckle, Remak. No. 126, DeGroot, Page, Blelock, Montgomery, Nisbet. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Stillman, Eckert, Giller, Hunter, Strickland. No. 131, Alkins, Matlack. No. 134, Williamson, Becker, Keyser, Taylor, Van Cleve. No. 135, Shaw. No. 155, Masson, Hedges, Porter, Curtis, Collins, Woodbury, No. 156, Dillen. No. 158, Manderfield, Jr., Shields, Funk, Eckert. No. 183, Bartolett. No. 186, Franklin, Stevenson, Adams, Boswell, Devereux, Simmons. No. 187, Neill, Barnes, Hann. No. 211, Long, Lee, Hall. No. 230, Edwards, Brittain, Hill, Peale. No. 236, Gregg, Jarwood, Deane, Baker. No. 238, McCabe, Conrad. No. 246, Stevens, Hackenburg, Walton, Hubbert, No. 266, Patton. No. 267, Tice. No. 271, Stevens, Hackenburg, Walton, Hubbert, Atkinson. No. 274, Goddard, Deckert, Pedrick. No. 289, Phillips. No. 291, Fuller, Kingsbury. No. 295, Taylor, Brooker, Baton, Meyer. No. 296, Davis, Fowler. No. 300, Miller. No. 322, Evans. No. 333, Martin, Bechtel, Thayer. No. 343, Gilfillan.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. Whitney, No. 22; Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 251, 282; H. M. Phillips, Nos. 199, 268; James Page, No. 222; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; George Thomson, No. 241; James Shields, No. 308; James Ferguson, No. 269; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286, 294, 344; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320; James Palmer, No. 331; Henry Christian, No. 259.

Seventy Lodges represented, fifty by Members and twenty by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held Decr. 7th, 1863, Extra Meeting held Decr. 21st, 1863, and of Annual Grand Communication held Decr. 28, 1863, A. L. 5863, were read and adopted.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 301 was received and Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 62, 131, 152, 187, 243, 246, 281, 317, 322, and 342 were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 344 appointing Bro. Richard Vaux, Proxy for said Lodge. On motion the paper was directed to be entered and filed and Bro. Richard Vaux acknowledged as the Proxy.

Applications for New Lodges to be held at Hanover, York County, and Shippen, Cameron County, were read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for a New Lodge to be held in Scranton, Luzerne County, Penna., to work in the German and English language was read, and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from Harmony Lodge, No. 52, was read asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

An appeal from the action of Lodge No. 62, at Reading, was read from Bro. —— ——— setting forth that he had been irregularly suspended from said Lodge. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Communications were read from Herman Lodge, No. 125, asking permission to take new ballots on Mr. —— ——— and —— ——— rejected applicants in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the petitions were granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 268 asking the removal of a vote of expulsion from Bro. —— ——— a Member of said Lodge. On motion was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— complaining of the action of Lodge No. 235 in refusing him the privilege of resigning and also refusing to give him a Certificate. On motion was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence: Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, Kansas for 1862 and 1863, Minnesota, New Hampshire.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read by the Chairman approved and the Resolution appended thereto unanimously adopted:

A. L. 5864, SATURDAY, March 5th, 12 o'c., A. M.

The Trustees met at the office of the Chairman, No. 627 Walnut St., in pursuance of notice addressed by him to each of them.

Present: Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Chairman; David Boyd, David Jayne. Absent: Jas. Hutchinson, George Thomson.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be an examination of the investments, auditing the accounts and agreeing upon the annual report to the R. W. Grand Lodge, also to fix the amount the Trustees would recommend to be appropriated for charitable purposes during the year out of the Trust Fund. After examining the accounts and vouchers and all the certificates of stock and securities in which the fund is invested the Trustees adopted the following report and resolution:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received since their last report dated March 2, 5683, from		
Interest and dividends on Investments		$2,759 70
Premium on gold		247 82
Allowance for specie		45 00
Interest on deposits		18 16
Making a total income of		3,070 68
To which add the balance of deposit to the credit of the Bequest at date of last report March 2, 1863		911 85
Makes a total of		$3,982 53
Of this sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the Grand Master in favor of the Grand Treasurer for the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund the sum of	$1,449 50	
And have invested in the U. S. 5 20's	500 00	
		$1,949 50
And leaving on deposit in the Penna. Company for Insurance on Lives, &c., &c., the sum of		$2,033 03
From which however is to be deducted the balance of the appropriation for last year		700 50
And leaving subject to the appropriation of the year the sum of		$1,332 53

Which with the estimated income from the investments will in the opinion of the Trustees justify an apropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars for charitable purposes. They therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1st, 1865, to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

The investments of the Bequest are as follows, to wit:

	One Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co. due 1864, No. 473	$1,000 00
	One Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co. due 1864, No. 474	3,000 00
	One Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co. due 1864, No. 475	2,500 00
	One Mortgage Bond Camden and Amboy R. R. Co. due 1864, No. 477	500 00
	Three Coupon Bonds Camden and Amboy R. R. Co. due 1889, Nos. 46, 64, 200	3,000 00
3	Certificates Penn. 6 per ct. War Loan 1861, Nos. 427, 8 and 9, $1,000 each	3,000 00
2	Certificates Penn. R. R. Stock 15,525, 15,537, $50 ea. 2500..	5,000 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 165, 297 shares, $10	2,970 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 168, 477 shares, $10	4,770 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 169, 100 shares, $10	1,000 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 172, 48 shares, $10	480 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 177, 50 shares, $10	500 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 200, 80 shares, $10	800 00
1	Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Loan No. 211, 190 shares, $10	1,900 00
1	Phila. City 6's due 1892, No. 3,222	1,000 00
1	" " 1889, " 11,715	1,000 00
1	" " 1876, " 11,768	100 00
1	" " 1889, " 250, free of tax	3,000 00
1	Certificate U. S. 7 3/10 Loan 1861 Nos. 12,709-10-11, $1,000 each	3,000 00
1	Certificate U. S. 7 3/10 Loan 1861, No. 16,315	500 00
4	5 20's U. S. 7 3/10 Loan 1861, Nos. 849, 911, 912, 913, $1000 ea.	1,000 00
2	5 20's U. S. 7 3/10 Loan 1861, Nos. 176 and 2591 for $500 ea.	1,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) SAML. PERKINS, DAVID BOYD, DAVID JAYNE, *Trustees.*

The following report was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Appeals in the matter of the application of No. 267 and No. 194 respectfully report, that —— ——— in the year 1859 made application to Swatara Lodge, No. 267, to become a member and was rejected, that the same —— ——— made a like application

March, 1863, to Lodge No. 194 and was favorably reported on balloted for and duly approved and Entered, Passed and Raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason according to Masonic usage and custom, that the said second application was made in entire ignorance of the fact that he had been rejected on the first application and that all the proceedings had been in good faith, not only on the part of the applicant but on the part of Lodge No. 194. That Lodge No. 267 after diligent enquiries becoming satisfied that there was nothing in the proceedings of which they could rightfully complain and that the character of the Brother to be as a man and a Mason was free from objection removed the rejection by a resolution passed in their body and ask the Grand Lodge to take such steps as will place the Brother in good Masonic Standing and the said Lodge No. 194 unites in this application being equally well satisfied with the conduct and character of the (applicant) or Brother. The Committee offer the following resolution, *Resolved*, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) JAMES PAGE, *On behalf of the Committee.*

MAR. 7, 1864.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read, approved and by request spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully submit the following Quarterly Report: They have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending February 15, 1864, and found them correct, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last account	$308 65
Dues received from Lodges, &c	9,667 05
Rents of stores	1,524 66
" Mark Lodge	96 00
Fees from D. D. G. Masters	1,460 17
Dispensations from G. Secretary	175 00
Total	$13,231 53

PAYMENTS.

Paid on orders of Grand Master as follows:

To D. D. G. M. expenses	$484 13
Bill printing	35 50
G. Secretary's salary and expenses	385 00
G. Tyler	55 50
Interest on Masonic Loans	955 00
Trustees G. L. C. Fund	1,497 00
Trustees M. Loans for investment	6,308 05

Orders Hall Committee:

Gas	$523 67
Sewerage	66 55
Taxes	1,652 00
Cleaning building	215 42
Extra expenses on building	659 88
Office expenses Grand Treas.	10 05
Bal. cash on hand	383 78
Making the total	$13,231 53

They examined the account of the Grand Secretary for payment of interest on the $110,000 Loan and found them correct as follows:

Appropriation to pay interest Jan. 1, 1864	$955 00
Amount paid out	829 50
Balance	$125 50

They examined also the accounts of the Hall Committee and found them correct exhibiting orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $3,117.50.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WM. WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET, ROBERT CLARK,
Committee.

PHIL., Feb. 25, 1864.

After the foregoing report had been disposed of considerable argument and interchange of opinion took place in reference to the duties of the Finance Committee. When finally the following Resolution was proposed by P. G. M. James Page and adopted, *Resolved*, that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the accounts of all its Trustees, Officers and Committees should be submitted as provided for in Sec. 27, folio 20 of the Ahiman Rezon to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was approved and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report that they have carefully considered the several By-laws and Amendments referred to them and recommend as follows: In reference to the Amendments proposed to the By-laws of Lodge No. 62 your Committee do not find anything in them objectionable, except the proposed striking out of Sect. 2, Art. VIII., and also Art. XI. which they cannot approve. And inasmuch as the present edition of the By-laws was printed in 1856 and contains no imprint of approval by the

Grand Lodge and the adoption of so much of the proposed Amendments as seem objectionable to the Committee, will require the printing of a new edition of the By-laws. The Committee further recommend that the proposed amendments be not approved and that they be referred back to the Lodge with instructions to amend their By-laws in accordance with the forms and suggestions reported by the Committee and submitted with this report.* That the Amendments to Art. VIII. and IX. of the By-laws of Easton Lodge, No. 152, providing for an increase of fees be approved. That the Amendment to Art. V. of the By-laws of Integrity Lodge, No. 187, providing for a change in Secretary's fee be approved. That the amendment to Art. I. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 243 changing the night of meeting be approved. That the Amendments to Art. III., Sec. 2, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 and to Art. III., Sec. 2, of the By-laws of Mountain Lodge, No. 281, providing a change in the compensation of the Secretary be approved. That the Amendment to Art. I., Sec. 2, of the By-laws of Ossia Lodge, No. 317, providing an additional night of meeting be approved, with a caution to the Lodge, however to carefully examine the By-laws to see that this provision for two stated meetings in a calendar month does not render the language of any other of their By-laws, &c., &c., also the attention of the Lodge is respectfully directed to the "Extracts, Forms and Suggestions" adopted by the Grand Lodge and with which Lodges in all parts of the state will be furnished with copies. That the Amendments to Art. V., Sec. 3, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 322 providing a change in the compensation to Secretary be approved. That the two Amendments to Art. V. and the Amendment to Art. 9 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 131 are unobjectionable but the copy furnished the Committee is not in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge and as it does not appear from the copies that the Amendments were adopted in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws. The Amendments must be referred back to the Lodge to be properly certified agreeably to instructions of Grand Lodge. The Committee further respectfully report that they have completed the selections and preparation of the "Extracts, Forms and Suggestions" as required by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge adopted Sept. 7 and December 21, 1863, and they submit a copy thereof herewith* having been already approved by the Grand Lodge. The Committee now ask the approval of the Grand Lodge of the "Forms and Suggestions" by the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the forms and suggestions as to the framing and enacting of By-laws reported by the Committee on By-laws be approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

(Signed) S. C. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

*See Appendix C.

The following visiting Brethren were present during the evening: John B. Quirk, Wm. N. Attwood, Phillip H. Law, No. 19; Chas. P. Matthews, No. 52; Jacob Gibson, Richard Tindel, Henry W. Karcher, No. 59; Zeno Hoffman, No. 62; Mathias Heller, M. Hammett, No. 115; John W. Killee, No. 126; Geo. W. Summers, No. 130; John Fountain, Geo. Robinson, Wm. N. Pennell, Jos. W. Poole, No. 236; John Phillips, Wm. Massey, Jr., No. 246; Geo. W. Swartz, No. 268; Henry C. Elwell, No. 271; Jacob Robinson, Frederick L. Hitchcock, No. 291; Edward F. Moore, No. 295; Jacob Kaup, No. 296; Henry Morgan Rawlins, Justus H. Umstead, No. 343.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past nine o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Chas. Bard Reess, G. S. Bearer. John Bolt and Jacob Bennett, G. Stewards. Atwood Smith, Sr. G. Deacon. Robert Clark, Jr. G. Deacon. S. Kingston McCay, G. Pursuivant. Jas. Hutchinson, Josiah Randall, John Thomson, Jas. Page and Henry M. Phillips, P. G. Master. Mehard, Howell, McCabe, Pollock, Dick, Lamberton, Lafferty, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Floyd, Burton, Hatfield, Alexander, Ingram. No. 3, Skerrett, Thomson, Padmore, Martin. No. 9, Duffield, Mahony. No. 19, Tiel, Bennett, Hand. No. 21, Lamberton, Young. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Pollock. No. 51, Howell, Thomson, Marshall, Bateman. No. 52, Shindler, Day, Hanold, Bruce, Schrack, White. No. 59, Adams, Kelly, G. L. Taylor, Johnston, Coburn, Macpherson. No. 60, Lafferty. No. 62, Eisenhower, Jones. No. 67, Wood, Rutherford, Smith, Worthington, Jas. Hutchinson, Reess, McIlree, Roberts, Van Osten, Bott. No. 71, Price, Jones, Hutchinson. No. 72, Hoffman, Ashton, McCay, Moore, Coleman, Thomas, Phillips, Thompson, Abbott. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Mustin, Penrose, Lee, Van Osten. No. 114, Clark, Jacobs, Buckingham, Kingston. No. 115, Jones, Webb, Yost, Robeno, Black, Adams. No. 121, Brown, Harris, Vaux, Smith, Ireland, Klett. No. 125, Muckle, Engelhoffer. No. 126, Page, Mullen, Blelock, Harper, Laning. No. 130, Hunter, Riley, Strickland, Young, Lescure, Ebert, Stillman. No. 131, Leiper, Akers. No. 134, Williamson, Taylor, Van Cleve, Stephens, Becker, Murphy. No. 135, Shaw, Kline. No. 155, Hedges, Martin, Collins, Woodbury, Manderfield, Shields, Porter, Moore. No. 158, Price, Oliver, Funk, Masson. No. 186, Simmons, Boswell, Scattergood, Adams. No. 187,

Benyard, Mathews. No. 211, Morris, Erety. No. 227, Rauch, Martin. No. 230, Edwards, Christian, Brittain, Hill. No. 236, Hinkson, Forward, Deans. No. 238, McCabe. No. 240, Frazer. No. 246, Baker, Mallon, Uhle, Jones. No. 251, Mehard. No. 267, Ziebach, Gruber. No. 271, James, Atkinson. No. 274, Pedrick, Goddard, Deckert, Rowe. No. 281, Findley. No. 289, Adamson, Burkhardt. No. 290, Austin. No. 292, Stearne. No. 295, Meyer, Taylor, Brooker. No. 298, Yarnall. No. 300, Miller. No. 322, McClellan. No. 333, Thayer.

Proxies: Bros. W. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 251, 282; Peter Williamson. Nos. 156, 309; A. M. Pollock, No. 221; James Page, No. 226; James Shields, Nos. 275, 312; George H. Ashton, Nos. 275, 312; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286, 294, 344; David C. Skerrett, No. 317; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320.

Sixty-six Lodges represented, fifty by members and sixteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ to 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held March 7th, 1864, last were read and adopted.

The By-laws of Lodge No. 219 and Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 2, 51, 59, 60, 91, 115, 187, 295 and 333 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Applications for New Warrants were applied for to be located at West Middlesex, Mercer County, and at Blairsville, Indiana County. On motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Communications were received from the following Lodges to take ballot on rejected applicants, previous objections appearing to be removed: Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, on Mr. —— ———. Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, on Mr. —— ———, —— ——— and —— ———. Meridan Sun Lodge, No. 158, on Mr. —— ———, —— ——— and —— ———. Integrity Lodge, No. 187, on Mr. —— ———. Lodge No. 292 on —— ———. Lodge No. 294 on Mr. —— ——— and Lodge No. 300 on Mr. —— ———, —— ———, —— ——— and —— ———. On motion the prayers of the petitions were granted provided the Members are properly notified where said ballots are to be had.

A communication was read from Bro. —— ——— formerly Treasurer of Lodge No. 82 held at Milford, Pike County, in relation to his accounts when the Lodge ceased operations. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

The following communication from Lodge No. 52 was read:

Stated Meeting of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, held Philada., June 1, 1864.

Bro. —— ——— paid for Bro. —— ——— an E. A. Mason thirty dolls. in addition to his dues for this evening and made application that he (Bro. ———) be placed on Life Membership and exempt from further dues when a point of order was raised whether an Entered Apprentice Mason could become a Life Member. It being agreed that no person could be a Life Member of a Lodge until he

became a M. M. when on motion the subject was referred to the Grand Lodge for its decision.

Extract from the Minutes.

[SEAL] (Signed) T. C. SWEATMAN, *Secretary.*

On motion duly made and seconded the following Resolution was adopted, "to wit:" *Resolved*, that a Lodge has the right to receive Life Membership fee from an E. A. Mason who has paid all his dues and Initiation fee in full.

A communication from Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, was read requesting the Grand Lodge to restore Bro. —— ——— an expelled Member to good Masonic Standing. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 221 appealing from the decision of the W. M. of said Lodge. On motion the subject and papers was referred to the Committee on Appeals. It was further ordered that the Grand Secretary direct his Lodge that no further degrees be conferred until the matter was decided.

A communication from Lodge No. 241 was read praying a remission of a part of their dues to the Grand Lodge. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act in the matter.

A communication was read from Bros. Henry Pelton, W. M., R. Faulkner, Sr. W. and L. W. Olds, Jr. W., setting forth the proceedings of Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, at a Meeting held Feby. 2d, 1864, and attested by the Secretary surrendering the Warrant of said Lodge. "The Warrant accompanied the communication and papers." On motion was laid on the table.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 322 asking permission to receive a new application from Mr. —— ———it appearing all objections to be removed from his admission. On motion the prayer was granted.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read and approved.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully submit the following quarterly report. The accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loans were examined and found correct as follows:

Balance due on the $110,000 Loan at last report.....	$125 50
Appropriation received short.....	50
	$126 00
Amount paid out.....	123 00
Leaving a balance on hand.....	$3 00

Received appropriation on the $41,000 Loan		$1,230 00
He has paid		237 00
Leaving a balance		$993 00
To pay Trustees of Masonic Loans	$955 50	
Lodge No. 271	13 50	
" " 295	24 00	
		$993 00

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending May 15, 1864, were examined and found correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last account	$383 78
" Dues from Lodges	10,039 84
" Rents of stores	1,500 01
" " Chapters and Mark Lodges	192 00
" Dispensations D. D. G. M.	185 00
" " by Grand Secretary	505 00
Total Receipts	$12,805 63

PAYMENTS.

Paid on orders Grand Master	$496 25
" Grand Secretary salary and expenses of office	410 00
" Grand Secretary for interest on Loan	1,230 00
" Treasurer M. L. for investment	9,000 00
" Orders Hall Committee	779 15
Balance on hand	890 23
	$12,805 63

The accounts of the Hall Committee were also examined and found correct exhibiting orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $779.15 as follows:

For ice	$44 36
" gas	497 18
" plumbing	68 11
" plan of alteration	50 00
" brick work	40 50
" printing	79 00
	$779 15

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
JOHN C. YEAGER, JOS. T. THOMAS.

PHIL., May 26, 1864.

The following report was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted, also to be printed and each Lodge under this jurisdiction furnished with a copy.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of having the fee for Initiation and Membership in the Subordinate Lodges meeting in the Hall in this city and within ten miles thereof fixed at a minimum of fifty dollars respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the subject referred to them and are very unanimous in the opinion that not only the interests of the Order, but a sense of common justice would seeem to demand that no candidate for our mysteries should be initiated by any Lodge meeting in this Hall or within ten miles of the same for a less sum than fifty dollars. Without entering into a detail of the various reasons which have influenced the Committee and caused them to arrive at this conclusion they may be permitted to state the following as the most prominent. That while the advantages of Membership in a pecuniary or beneficial point of view, have greatly increased by the establishment of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and the Stephen Girard Bequest each dispensing annually to the beneficiaries of their bounty more than two thousand dollars. No corresponding increase of the Initiation fee has been adopted by some of the Lodges proportionate to the great benefits to be derived from these sources alone, added to which almost every Lodge has at this time a private Charity Fund for the benefit of its Members with sufficient means in the Treasury to relieve the immediate necessities of most of the applicants thus virtually offering a premium or inducement to tempt the cupidity of the unworthy contrary to the established principles of the Order, at variance with its teachings and regardless of those higher moral and disinterested motives which should alone prompt the candidate and recommend him to the favourable consideration of the members of the Lodge. With these facts before them it would appear to your Committee not only unreasonable, but unjust to the institution, that action should be longer delayed for increasing the fee and with this view they submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that on and after the first day of September next no Lodge meeting in the Hall in the city or within ten miles of the same, shall Initiate a candidate for a less sum than fifty dollars. The Committee would further state that in the course of their enquiries in reference to this subject their attention has been called to the great disparity and want of uniformity which exists in many of the Lodges located beyond this distance not only with respect to the Initiation fee but also to the annual dues of Members creating bickerings and jealousies highly prejudicial to those feelings of kindness and paternity which should always prevail and distinguish our intercourse as Masons and which in the judgment of the Committee would seem to require especial notice and action on the part

of the Grand Lodge. Although the consideration of this portion of the subject was not formally embraced in the resolution under which their attention was more particularly directed being limited to their enquiries to the Lodges meeting in this Hall and within ten miles thereof, yet being so intimately connected with it that action in the one case must necessarily be followed by action in the other. A just sense of its importance and regard for the future welfare of the Order has induced the Committee to submit the matter and respectfully recommend, that should the Grand Lodge approve of the foregoing resolution a uniform system ought also to be adopted by which a proportionate sum should be charged by the several Lodges throughout the jurisdiction for Initiation and Membership, as also for annual dues. Impressed with these views the Committee submit the following resolutions for the approval of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that on and after the first day of September next the fee for Initiation and Membership by the several Lodges in all other parts of the state or commonwealth beyond ten miles from the city of Philadelphia shall be fixed at a sum not less than thirty dollars and no lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be allowed to charge a less sum than three dollars for the regular annual dues for each and every Member. *Resolved*, that the sanction heretofore given by the Grand Lodge under its jurisdiction authorizing a less sum to be charged than those herein stated either for Initiation and Membership or annual dues by the approval of By-laws or otherwise, from and after the beforementioned date, be and the same is hereby withdrawn and the several Lodges charging a less sum by virtue thereof be and are hereby directed to amend the same by increasing the amount in accordance with the spirit and meaning of the resolutions.

(Signed) PETER WILLIAMSON, JAMES HUTCHINSON,
JOSEPH S. RILEY, JOSEPH BOSWELL,
WILLIAM WHITNEY,

Committee.

The following report was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, "to wit:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the application of Lodge No. 268 to have the vote of expulsion removed from Bro. —— ——— formerly a member of that Lodge respectfully report, That the Brother was expelled for good and sufficient cause sometime in 1860 and has remained out of the pale of Masonry ever since, conducting himself however in such a way as to convince his Brethren that he has sufficiently atoned for the error into which he had fallen, and his Lodge now asking that he be relieved from that vote the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the application of Lodge No. 268 be granted, the vote

of Expulsion on Bro. —— ——— be removed and he restored to good Masonic Standing. The following report in the case of Bro. —— ——— against the action of Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, was read, approved and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 235, at Erie, respectfully report, that this course of the Lodge is caused by its dissatisfaction with the action of the Grand Lodge restoring that Brother to his position as a Member after he had been expelled by them. It is simply a question whether the decree of the Grand Lodge shall be obeyed by a Subordinate Lodge or not. The Committee do not deem it necessary to enter into any discussion upon this point but submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Bro. —— ——— having paid his dues and being in good standing has a right to demand that his resignation be accepted, and that the usual certificate of good standing be given him and therefore Lodge No. 235 is hereby directed to accept the one and give the other.

(Signed) J. PAGE, *Chairm.*

The following report was also received, approved and resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the case of Bro. —— ——— from the action of Lodge No. 62 respectfully report, that at a Stated meeting of the Lodge held Jan. 6, 1864, —— ——— preferred charges of conduct unbecoming a Mason against Bro. ——— in holding possession of a house and lot which he had rented of Bro. ——— in not paying the rent for them as agreed upon, with not complying with his contract at all and with having repeatedly given his Masonic Word to do so. These charges were referred to a committee of three. At the Stated Meeting in February that Committee reported that the parties appeared before them, agreed upon the balance due a sum of $46.58 provided the same was satisfactorily settled within the Lodge but if not then Bro. ——— claimed the right of asking a greater sum, to-wit, $116. That Bro. —— proposed to pay $46.58 in a certain way which Bro. ——— agreed to, and the Committee conclude their report by saying "that they have just been informed that but $10 had been paid and no notes had been given, (referring to the settlement which had been made before the Committee.) On this report notice was ordered to be given Bro. ——— that final action in the matter would be taken at the next Stated Meeting, and at the next Stated Meeting in March the case was brought up for final disposition. Bro. ——— was heard in his defence and after leaving the room was on motion duly made and adopted, Suspended. From this Bro. ——— appealed as being unjust and improper. Now it will be observed that the Committee appointed to investigate the charge

preferred by Bro. ——— never did investigate it, never found whether it was true or not but merely reported that they had the Brother before them who had agreed to terms of settlement and when the Committee find that these terms had not been carried out, they state that fact, and therefore the Lodge proceeded to, and did suspend or expel the Brother, whether upon the original charge or because he had failed to keep the promise he made before the Committee, is not clear from the record but in either case the proceedings are irregular and unmasonic. In the first case the charge as preferred was never proven, nor found proven by the Committee, because they had settled it, and so rendered an investigation unnecessary, in the second because the failure to keep the agreement he had made before the Committee, if it could be made a ground of expulsion, had not been preferred against Bro. ——— as a charge of which he had no notice of in due Masonic form before it could be acted upon by the Lodge. These irregularities appearing upon the records of the Lodge are fatal to its proceedings and render an enquiry into the merits of the controversy between the Brethren unnecessary. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the proceedings of Lodge No. 62 in the case of Bro ——— be set aside the same being unmasonic and irregular and that the Brother be restored to his standing in the said Lodge.

(Signed) J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was read, "to wit:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

At a Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held on the 3rd Monday of Dec., 1863, an appropriation was made on estimates by the Hall Committee of $21,405 designed to be applied by said Committee in conjunction with the Grand Officers to the following purposes:

To hire of laborers and two women	$814 00
" taxes on Hall	2,500 00
" fuel	650 00
" gas	1,350 00
" water rent, sewerage and incidentals	771 00
" estimated expense on contemplated alteration of stairway	650 00
" estimated expense on contemplated alteration of skylight	3,000 00
" repairs and varnishing furniture Chapter Room	1,265 00
" gilding Blue Lodge Room	1,190 00
" front of Hall	100 00
" alteration floor contemplated	350 00
" cleaning furniture, &c., G. L. Room	1,900 00
" introduction of fire plug	250 00
" range in kitchen	475 00

Of the amounts thus appropriated the Committee have disbursed $3896.67 for taxes and other current expenses and have under contract alterations and repairs to the skylight $3400. The very precarious condition of the skylights rendering it necessary that immediate action should be taken in regard to them, the Committee have deemed it their duty to proceed with the work as rapidly as possible and as circumstances permit. Thus far the obligations devolving on the Committee have been readily perceived and promptly acted on, but in relation to several other items embraced in the programme it is by no means so easy a task to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion, and the Committee would therefore beg leave very respectfully to lay before this body a brief review of some of the facts and arguments which have engaged their attention in reference to the nature of the further repairs with which they have been charged and their eligibility as connected with the wants of the Order in fitting this Hall for the permanent use and comfort of its Members. The corrugated iron roof of the building has unquestionably proved to be a failure not only from its great weight which renders its fall under certain contingencies imminent but also from the fact that the heated atmosphere from breath is condensed and frozen during the winter months and runs in streams of water through the upper floors damaging the ceilings and rendering the Halls damp and unhealthy. To effectually remedy this evil it will require the entire removal of the roof and the substituting of one of a different material. This can only be done or accomplished at a cost of from eight to ten thousand dollars. The stairways leading from the reception room to the fourth story have been constructed in so imperfect and insecure a manner to say nothing of the great fatigue and discomfort which their ascent occasions, a contemplated remodeling has been determined upon and to carry this out will require an outlay of at least fifteen hundred dollars, and even then from the nature of the building it cannot we fear be characterized as a perfect improvement. But the most lamentable failure of all in the construction of the building and that which doubtlessly commends itself to the perception of every member is the deficiency in, or rather the almost total want of ventilation in the Grand Lodge Room. This has been a common subject of complaint ever since the construction of the Hall and when its relation to the health and comfort of the Craft is duly considered it is not easily seen how its importance can be exaggerated. To correct this inexcusable error in construction various expedients have from time to time been suggested all of which have been open more or less to objections and it is scarcely believed that any plan can be devised which in all respects will subserve the object in view, or in other words be effectual in remedying this glaring defect. It will however be easily comprehended by all who have in the slightest degree studied the subject that any plan which may be adopted however unsatisfactory it may prove in its results will be attended with a very

heavy expense. Another evil which has already entailed a heavy outlay is the periodical overflow of the sub-cellars, a result which has followed from excavating to such a depth in laying the foundations as to strike upon springs of water. These overflows are still liable to continuance, and will doubtless prove in the future equally troublesome and expensive as they have done in the past. To these perhaps the most glaring defects in the building might be added numerous others of apparently minor significance when considered in detail but which when viewed in the aggregate rise to gigantic proportions and go largely to swell the evidence if that were necessary which proves the building to have been a gross failure both in its plan and its construction. From the closest inspection of several practical and intelligent gentlemen who had examined the building and who were familiar with the nature of the alterations required, the Committee were induced to believe that all which was materially needed might be attained by an expenditure at least approximating to the amount set forth in the estimates. A more careful and assured investigation however has confirmed them in the opinion that more elaborate repairs will be required than were heretofore necessary and that to provide for all the contingencies which may arise and to render that satisfaction to the Craft which they have the right to demand will require the disbursement of a sum far in advance of the original estimates and probably beyond the conception of the most practical members of this body. But whilst the actual amount necessary to complete the contemplated repairs already reported, there are other improvements of equal if not greater importance which imperatively demand the attention of the Grand Lodge, if it is deemed fitting to place the building in a condition commensurate with its original design. Amongst these, as embracing the most conspicuous objects, are the general ventilation of the Hall and the refurnishing of the various Lodge Rooms. In order therefore that the whole matter may be perceived at a glance, let us recapitulate the more recent and it is believed the most accurate estimates which have been made and which are considered requisite to accomplish the object in view.

For the skylights now working	$3.400 00
" " roof	1,000 00
" " stairway	1,500 00
" steam engine and ventilation	15,000 00
" refurnishing Lodge Room	5,000 00
Making an aggregate of	$34,900 00

To this may be fairly added other items which it may reasonably be expected will swell the amount to a sum not short of $45,000. Under these circumstances it becomes us to pause and *weigh well* the propriety of consummating the heavy outlays which must

not only now, but hereafter be incurred in making these extensive modifications and repairs, which when taken at the best, can only be regarded as temporary expedients, liable in the very nature of things to prove abortive, and rendering a constant recurrence of attentions, not only desirable but oftentimes imperative. The Committee do not take it upon themselves to propose what many intelligent and far seeing Members of the Order have suggested as the only proper alteration in the premises namely, the selling of the Hall and the construction on another site of one better suited to the wants of the Order, but they are unwilling to assume the responsibility of either recommending or carrying into effect the costly improvements with which they have been charged, without a more full and deliberate consideration by the Grand Lodge than has heretofore they apprehend been given to the subject and without express and positive injunctions received from that body. The members of this Committee are the servants of the Grand Lodge, bound to execute its mandates within the legitimate sphere of their action. The members of this Committee have no desire to transcend their duty by dictating to the Grand Lodge any specific mode of procedure in relation to this subject which might cast upon them the imputation of improper motives, yet they nevertheless deem the occasion a fitting one to record their deliberate opinion, that the building is defective in every particular; that it is notoriously unsuited to the wants of the Order; that it already stands condemned by the common voice of the Fraternity and that sooner or later it will have to be disposed of and its place supplied by one better fitted for the purpose for which it was designed. With this frank avowal of their convictions the Committee ask leave very respectfully to submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge this simple proposition. It is the part of wisdom to act promptly and decisively in consummating the only remedial measure which can soon prove of effectual and permanent benefit, or shall we proceed in the course now begun to be inaugurated, of appropriating large sums for improvements of at least doubtful utility, which as years go by must be followed by others of equal or greater magnitude and expense, and alike fruitless; it may be of no salutary results and so, when a sum shall have been expended, which in the aggregate would almost have been sufficient to erect a *New Hall*, be finally compelled to adopt that course as the only alternative left to remedy the evil, and to satisfy the wants of the Order.

(Signed) JOHN BOLT, J. H. KINGSTON,
HENRY C. HOWELL, JOHN U. GILLER,
Hall Committee.

PHIL., May 3, 1864.
Attest: M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, *Secretary.*

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted viz.: *Resolved*, that so much of the appropriations made to the Hall Com-

mittee at a Grand Communication held in December last as relate to alterations and repairs except only that now under contract be and the same are hereby rescinded. *Resolved*, that a Special Committee of Nine be appointed whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the present condition of the Hall, the propriety of disposing of the same and the securing of a lot of ground suitable for the erection of a new Temple together with such other matters as may have a direct bearing on the subject and report to this Grand Body at its next Grand Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. John Thomson, Henry J. White, Edward P. Lescure, William Whitney, John Wilson, Sr., Jacob Loudenslager, Alfred R. Porter, Robert Clark and James Shields on said Committee.

The following from the Hall Committee was also read and the consideration of the same postponed for the present:

To the R. W. the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Hall Committee beg leave to report, that it has officially come to their knowledge that many of the Subordinate Lodges meeting in this Hall have been for some time past and still are in the habit of protracting the labors of their several Lodges to a very late hour or period of the night as they are creditably informed to midnight and some later. Your Committee believing this practice to be a most glaring abuse of the ancient usage have sought to avoid the necessity of bringing the subject before this body by endeavoring to discover some authority on which they might act in the premises and thus suppress what they deem a growing evil without invoking the aid of the Grand Lodge. In this however they have failed. The Ahiman Rezon is silent on the subject and the R. W. the Grand Master whose prerogative the Committee were of the opinion it was to check the innovation having declined to act from motives which we are constrained to respect, your Committee conceived it would be an arbitrary stretch of authority on *their* part to interfere when the power from whence they derive their functions were silent or reluctant to act. The R. W. Grand Lodge will not fail to perceive that the additional cost of gas attendant on the unusually protracted labors of so many Lodges weighs heavily on the contingent expenses of the Order, already increased from various causes to an amount far larger and beyond what they should be. Our bills for gas now average somewhere in the neighborhood of $200 per month and your Committee from a very careful estimate have arrived at the conclusion that fully $50 per month if not more is added to our expenses by this newly inaugurated system of late sessions. If this however were the only evil attendant on the practice it might be easily overlooked or dismissed without comment, but when we take into consideration how many heads of families are detained from their homes by reason of protracting their meeting to such unreasonable hours and the demoralizing

effect which must inevitably ensue from the continuance of so injurious a system, we are constrained to acknowledge that the correcting power of the Grand Lodge is promptly needed to redress the grievance. Acting under these views briefly but earnestly expressed your committee beg leave to submit for the consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge the following resolution, "to wit:" *Resolved*, that the Worshipful Masters of the various subordinate Lodges meeting in this Hall be instructed to cease from Labor and close their Lodges as near 10 o'clock as possible or practicable, and in no case to protract their sessions to a later period than 10.30 P. M. The Committee also beg leave to offer the following amendment to the *Ahiman Rezon:* The hours for meetings of all Subordinate Lodges shall be 6 o'clock P. M. from the 25th of Sept. to the 25th of March, and 7 o'clock, P. M. from the 25th of March to the 25th of Sept., and that the hours for closing all such Lodges shall be 10 o'clock, P. M. from the 25 of Sept. to the 25th of March, and 10.30 P. M. from the 25th of March to the 25th of Sept.

By order of the Hall Committee.

(Signed) JOHN BOLT, *Chairman.*

MAY 3rd, 1864.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report which was adopted

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the several By-laws and Amendments referred to them and recommend as follows: That the Amendment to Art. III., Sec. 3, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 2 be approved. That the Amendment to Art. IV., Sec. 4, of the same Lodge be amended by striking out 37½c. and inserting 40c. and that with this correction they be approved. That the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 91 be approved. That the Amendment to Art. IX. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 115 be amended by substituting for the 1st and 2nd Sections of said Amendment the following in accordance with the forms adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, all petitions for Initiation and Mem. shall be accompanied with the full amount of the fees, &c. NOTE. "No. 115 has since revised the whole code of By-laws to conform with said forms, &c. See Report in Sept. next." That the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 187 be approved. That the Amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 295 be approved in substance but that it is reported to the Committee that an entire new edition of By-laws is required for the use of the Lodge, it is required that the new edition be printed in strict conformity with the forms adopted by the Grand Lodge March 7th, 1864, and that the same when printed if approved by the Committee on By-laws be considered as approved by the Grand Lodge as of this date. That as to the By-laws of Lodge No. 219 that they be also approved. (See report of Com-

mittee June 6, 1864.) That the Amendments to the By-laws of Barger Lodge, No. 333, be approved. That as to the Amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 60 be approved, &c. (See Report June 6, 1864.) That the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 59 the Initiation fee to be changed from $40 to $50, &c., and that they be then approved. (See Report June 6, 1864.) The Committee must again call the attention of Lodges and their Secretaries to the necessity of great care in the proceedings for the adoption and Amendment of By-laws and that a strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge in reference to the manner and form in which By-laws and Amendments are to be certified for its approval.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed by the Committee.

JUNE 6th, 1864.

The following visitors were admitted during the session viz. Bros. J. McCleary, John J. Fulmer, No. 3; Benj. Masters, No. 19; Samuel H. Simon, No. 21; James Taylor No. 59; Charles C. Van Horn, Alex. Pattett, No. 71; Theo. C. Heyl, No. 72; John G. Bland, No. 81; Isaac C. Childs, No. 114; Geo. T. Barker, Charles T. Jones, No. 134; Mathias Ziegler, No. 211; James D. Brady, No. 221; Jas. L. Turner, No. 230; Robert P. Deckert, No. 274; Adam Kern, Wm. King, Crawford Miller, No. 236; Sam'l Wilson, No. 292; Edwin F. Moore, No. 295; Geo. B. Sharp, Chas. P. Hews, No. 322; William B. Maybury, No. 267.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in Harmony.

WM. H. ADAMS, *Grand Secry.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. George L. Taylor, D. G. Sect'y. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Jos. T. Thomas, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Charles B. Reess, G. S. Bearer. John Bennett and Jacob Bolt, G. Stewards. Fredk. Hoffman, Jr., G. Pursuivant. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Josiah Randall, Jas. Page, Henry M. Phillips and Jno. Thomson, P. G. Masters. Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Floyd, Umstead, Martin. No. 3, Thomson, Skerrett, Webb, Hatfield. No. 9, Hall, Mahony, Brooks. No. 19, Till, Cook, Bennett, Hand, Griscom, Beaumont, Thomas, Thornley. No. 21, Young, Lamberton. No. 22, Walker. No. 25, Jackson, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, White, Day,

Haines, Schrack, Bruce, Wilson, Jr. & Sr., Shindler. No. 59, Adams, McPherson, Taylor, Reed. No. 62, Jones. No. 67, Griffith, McIlree, Reess, Wood, Bolt, Van Osten, Smith, Rutherford, Worthington, Roberts. No. 71, Price, Jones, Burns. No. 72, Thompson, Abbott, Brown, Hoffman, Jr., McCoy, Moore. No. 91, Taylor, Lee, Hinchman, Mustin. No. 106, Hayes. No. 114, Kingston, Webb, Craven. No. 115, Sickel, Jones, Adams, Yost, Heimberger. No. 121, Ireland, Young, Vaux, Klett. No. 125, Remak, Muckle, Englehoffer. No. 126, Laning, Nisbet, Blelock, Page. No. 130, Ebert, Hunter, Giller, Lescure, Kirkpatrick, Strickland, Barrett. No. 131, Simpson, Akers. No. 134, Williamson, Brown, King. No. 135, Klein. No. 143, Brewer. No. 155, Woodbury, Porter, Martin, Collins, Megary, Eckerts, Masson, Hedges, Moore. No. 158, Funk, Shields, Manderfield, Oliver. No. 186, Boswell, Franklin, Adams, Russell, Watt. No. 187, Benyard, Russell, Mathews, Hann, Barnes. No. 197, Rheem. No. 211, Whiteman, Lee, Morris, Erety. No. 230, Wallace, Hill, Gicker, Brittain, Ziegler, Christian. No. 246, Hubbert, Baker, Masson, Walton. No. 270, Koons. No. 271, James, Wertz. No. 274, Deckert, Goddard. No. 289, Phillips, Anderson. No. 295, Meyer. No. 296, Davis. No. 300, Miller.

Proxies: Bros. W. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 251, 282; Peter Williamson, Nos. 156, 309; James Page, No. 222; Jos. S. Riley, No. 226; James Shields, Nos, 260, 308; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286, 294; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320; Josiah Randall, No. 317.

Fifty-six Lodges represented, forty-three by Members and thirteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held June 6, A. L. 5864, were read and adopted. By-laws and Amendments to By-laws were received from the following Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-laws, to wit: Nos. 9, 43, 115, 125, 135, 186, 211, 230, 240, 266, 270, 274, 296 and 315. Applications for New Warrants for Lodges to be held in Knoxville, Tioga County, and Tioga, Tioga County, Penna., on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants in said Lodge, all objections to their admission being now removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted provided all the Members are notified when said balloting is to take place.

An application was made by Lodge No. 115 for permission to take another ballot on the following named applicants who were rejected in said Lodge upon their application for Initiation and Membership, viz.: —— ——, —— ——, —— ——, —— —— and —— ——. Prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 135, asking permission to take another ballot on the following named

applicants rejected in said Lodge, to wit: —— ——, —— ——, —— ——, —— ——. Prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287 asking permission to take another ballot on —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants for Initiation and Membership in said Lodge all objections being removed. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Ossea Lodge, No. 317, appointing Brother Josiah Randall, P. G. M., Proxy of said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be entered and filed, and Past Grand Master, Bro. Josiah Randall acknowledged as proxy for said Lodge. A communication was read from George Washington Lodge, No. 143, located at Chambersburg through a committee appointed for that purpose consisting of Brothers Theo. Barnhart, George W. Brewer and Henry S. Stoner appealing to the Grand Lodge for relief for the suffering Brethren of said Lodge made destitute by the terrible conflagration consequent upon the recent rebel raid at that place. A full statement of the facts and earnest appeal on behalf of the suffering Brethren having been made by Brother Brewer, one of the Committee, Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G., Master of the District and also by a number of the Members of the Grand Lodge it was unanimously *Resolved*, that this Grand Lodge contribute the sum of two thousand dollars in aid of the suffering Brethren by the late disastrous conflagration, such sum to be paid to the Committee of George Washington Lodge, No. 143, and that it be recommended to all the Subordinate Lodges in its Jurisdiction to grant such aid as may be in their power.

Certain proposed Amendments to the "Constitution, Rules and Regulations" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. Y. M., were presented by P. G. M. Josiah Randall, Proxy of Lodge No. 317 at Wellsboro, Tioga County. After an interchange of opinion as to the reference of the foregoing it was agreed to refer the whole subject to the Grand Officers.

A number of papers were received relating to the proceedings of Lodge No. 266, at York, in the case of charges brought by the following named Brethren in said Lodge, &c., viz.: Past Master —— —— of Washington Territory and Bro. —— —— a Master Mason and Member of Lodge No. 266. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, " to wit:" Massachusetts, Missouri, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Maryland, Illinois, Kansas, New York, District of Columbia.

A communication was read from Integrity Lodge, No. 187, setting forth that Bro. Warren L. Young a member deposited with the Lodge for safe keeping a level the property of a Lodge in Fredericksburg, Va., which was found after the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va.

On motion the Lodge received the Level in trust and passed a vote of thanks to the Brother for preserving the same.

Extract from the Minutes of Lodge No. 187.

(Signed) DAVID RITTENHOUSE, *Secretary.*

A communication was read from several Members of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155, appealing from the decision of the Worshipful Master in not putting a question which had been moved and seconded, &c., &c. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington appointing the R. W. Junior Grand Warden Bro. Richard Vaux, the Representative of said Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Richard Vaux was acknowledged as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington. On motion the papers accompanying the foregoing appointed were ordered to be noted and filed.

The following quarterly report from the Committee of Finance was read and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, to wit:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully submit the following quarterly report:

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the Quarter Ending Aug. 15, 1864, were examined and found correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$890 23
Dues from Lodges	3,897 50
Rents from stores	1,208 34
" " Chapters, &c.	108 70
Dispensations, &c.	636 00
From Warrant New Lodge	81 00
Balance due Grand Treasurer	1,929 22
	$9,681 90

PAYMENTS.

Orders of Grand Master including D. D. G. Master	$456 70
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	380 00
Interest on Loans	956 00
Peter Williamson, Treas., Trustees M. Loans	2,500 00
William B. Schnider	47 75
Hall Committee orders	5,037 53
Bills printing	303 92
	$9,681 90

Exhibiting a balance in favor of the Grand Treasurer as above for monies advanced by him $1,929.22.

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans were examined and found correct, to wit:

On the $110,000 Loan.

Balance on hand as per last report	$3 00
Appropriation	955 50
	$958 50
He has paid out as per vouchers	$837 00
Balance on hand	121 50
	$958 50

On the $41,000 Loan.

Balance	$993 00
He has paid out on vouchers	993 00

The accounts of the Hall Committee were also examined and found correct, exhibiting orders drawn on the G. Treasurer, as follows amounting to $5,037.53. Gas, $382.71. Laborers, $280.85. Coal, $752.59, Plumbing, $96.23 and $30.01, Skylight Material, $3495.23.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WM. WHITNEY, JOS. T. THOMAS, MICHAEL NISBET,
Committee.

PHIL., Aug. 25/64.

The following report from the Committee of Appeals was read, "to wit:"

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the decision and action of Bro. —— ——— of Franklin Lodge, No. 221. See report on file (for a detailed account of the proceedings and the recording of the Minutes) with papers of Lodge No. 221. "The third and last point and that on which the appeal in this case is taken is the decision of the W. M. overruling the absolute objection of Bro. ———." Though there may be a difference of opinion as to the policy and propriety of the resolution of this Grand Lodge permitting after a favorable ballot a simple objection without any reason given to close the door of Masonry against an applicant and though such a difference does in fact exist amongst the members of this Committee, yet the undersigned consider the law too clear to admit of a doubt in its application to this case. The words of this law established by the decision of this Grand Lodge Sept. 2, 1861, and to be found on page 409 of the Minute Book (L) are "That it is the fundamental regulation of this Grand Lodge that the objection of any one Member of the Lodge shall be sufficient to prevent initiation of a candidate even after approval (Meaning thereby election.) The

objection to —— ——— was made after his election (or approval) and before his initiation. Therefore the decision of the M. W. however well intended it may have been was erroneous, and the adoption of the following resolutions are recommended: *Resolved*, that the W. M. of Franklin Lodge, No. 221, erred in disregarding the objection of Bro. —— ——— to the Initiation of Mr. —— ——— and that when a Brother objects to an Initiation the applicant cannot be Initiated, as he is not under the tongue of good Masonic report the settled rule of this Grand Lodge being unanimity before Initiation. *Resolved*, that as the initiation of —— ——— was done through mistake by the W. M. the Lodge be directed to confer no other degree on him, and to erase his name from the list of members.

ROBERT FRAZER, HENRY M. PHILLIPS, JOHN THOMSON, *Committee.*

SEPT. 5, 1864.

The first resolution in the foregoing report was again read and adopted. The second resolution was again read and not agreed to.

The report of the Hall Committee presented at the Quarterly Communication on June 6th, 1864, was again called up and read. The resolution in relation to the late sessions of the Subordinate Lodges was read and not agreed to. The Amendment to the Ahiman Rezon offered at the same communication and by the same Committee was withdrawn. Which was agreed to.

The Committee on By-laws made report on the following By-laws and Amendments to By-laws, submitted to them and made the necessary and proper corrections. Which was approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge, as follows: Lodges No. 9, No. 43, No. 51, No. 115, No. 125, No. 135, No. 186, No. 211, No. 230, No. 240, No. 266, No. 270, No. 274, No. 296.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

The following named visiting Brethren were admitted during the evening. Bros. Thos. Hawkes, Nelson Batton, Edward Patterson, Wm. F. Trewin, Wm. H. Keyser, No. 3; Robert Dyball, Chas. Wilson, Samuel K. Ritter, No. 52; Hugh Rankin, Morris P. Horn, No. 71; William Sulbacher, No. 87, Newberne, S. C.; Geo. D. Gleason, No. 114; Levi Mastbaum, Jos. Osborn, Abraham Steinhardt, No. 115; Robert Scott, No. 121; T. S. Hunn, Chas. S. Jones, No. 134; James Whitworth, No. 135; Felix Trainer, Frank B. Hahn, Adolph Fellger, No. 155; Fred. Worthington, No. 186; Robert Beatty, No. 211; Jas. Boyd, No. 230; Samuel Wilson, John H. Humes, No. 232; Chas. J. Schoneman, No. 246; Edwin F. Moore, No. 295; Daniel McClintock, Geo. W. Bartram, No. 298.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at half past ten o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Secty. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Atwood Smith, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Charles Bard Reess, G. S. Bearer. Adam Maag and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Thomson, Whitney, Hutchinson, Barger, Read, Phillips, Fritz, Randall, Page, Perkins, P. G. Masters. Pollock, Howell, Kingsbury, Simpson, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton, Wiler, Alexander, Blackburne, Floyd, Umstead. No. 3, Bilger, Ingram, Davis, Hatfield, Martin, Bruce, Padmore, Skerrett. No. 9, Palmer, Mahony, Burnell, Henderson, Brodie, Hall, Leach, Dorsey, Copley. No. 19, Tiel, Cook, McGinnis, Karrick, Hand, Griscom, Thomas, Bennett, Beaumont, Hodges, Childs. No. 21, Lamberton, Bannvart, Young. No. 25, Scott, Kinsey, Dorrance, Keim, Headley, Stackhouse, Kelly, Jackson. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Adair, McCandless. No. 51, Thomson, Bateman, Bell, Read, Whitney. No. 52, Ferguson, Hanold, Shindler, White, Haines, Schrack, Wilson, Sr. & Jr., Bruce. No. 59, Adams, Geo. & Jas. Taylor, Coburn, Campbell. No. 62, Jones. No. 67, Worthington, Roberts, Field, Deplyne, Bolt, Hemphill. Reess, Stager, Simpson, Wood. McIlree, Rutherford, Dunn, Hutchinson. No. 72, Potter, O'Hara, Dickson, Brown, White, McCay, Ashton, Barger, Chase, Phillips, Thomas, Hoffman, Fox, Abbott. No. 81, Davidson, Dietrich, Rayner, Fulton. No. 91, Perkins, Mustin, Deane, Taylor, Barry, Lee, Van Osten, Badger, Connolly, S. C. Perkins. No. 108, Mercur. No. 114, Kingston, Buckingham, Boyd, Jacobs, Clark, Morrell, Craven, Stokely, Hamm. No. 115, Yost, Parker, Beenken, Webb, Kraft, Black, Leigh, Jones. No. 121, Brown, Smith, Ireland, Harris, Vaux. No. 125, Sprungk, Kohn, Trau, Engelhofer, Maag. No. 126, Blelock, Nisbet, Widener, McCulloch, Miller, Simpson, Mullin. No. 130, Ebert, Sutter, Severns, Riley, Kirkpatrick, Hunter, Stillman, Lescure, Young, MacBride, Strickland, Van Houten. No. 131, Squires, Miller, Leiper. No. 134, Williamson, Keyser, Van Cleve, Brown. No. 135, McCally, Johnson, Dykes. No. 152, Porter, Sweeney, Skeen. No. 155, Helm, Curtis, Bacon, Miller, Megary, Neff, Moore, Woodbury, Masson, Porter, Fritz, Waters. No. 158, Shields, Eckert, Shubert, Oliver, Manderfield, Sinn, Yeager, Brice, Junk. No. 163, Cranmer. No. 186, Devereux, Bigley, Russell, Watt, Franklin, Stevenson, Boswell, Adams, Scattergood, Barrington. No. 187, Mathews, Nutt, Hann, Barnes, Albertson, Gaskell, Butler, Benyard. No. 190, Dresher, Cornman, Brown, Zimmerman. No. 194, Vallerchamp, Bennett. No. 197, Livingston. No 211, Hall, Dickinson, Erety, Lee, Young. No. 216, Washburn. No. 218, Turner, No. 224, Robbins, Donaldson. No. 226, Blair, Lemberger. No. 227,

Keever, Tyson, Rauch. No. 230, Christian, Wallace, Graeff, Ziegler, Edwards. No. 232, Blackwell. No. 234, Dick. No. 236, Gregg, Thomson, Forward, Deans, Gilson. No. 240, Stone. No. 242, Felder, McNair. No. 256, McCormick. No. 261, Hill. No. 265, Knapp. No. 266, Prince, Carl. No. 267, Gruber, Drake. No. 270, Koons, Keefer. No. 271, Mayer, Neall, Atkinson, Wertz, Brown. No. 281, Kerr, Findley. No. 283, Bartlett. No. 284, Martin, Lockman. No. 289, Anderson, Phillips, Simpson. No. 295, Harper, Sinexon, Meyer. No. 296, Davis, Fowler, Krickbaum. No. 298, McClintock, Taylor. No. 300. Smith. No. 301, Smith. No. 306, McKean, Wilson. No. 308, Rex, Newberry, Hoover. No. 317, Young, Ballard, Simpson. No. 332, Wadhams. No. 333, Martin, Bechtel. No. 324, Mickey, Rowe, Rogers. No. 322, Evans, Christman. No. 343, McClellan. No. 326, Fogel, Lichtenwall, Herman, Foust. No. 340, Thompson. No. 323, Chippenden. No. 324, Leight.

Proxies: Nos. 22, 106, 138, 158, 199, 220, 221, 222, 226, 237, 241, 251, 254, 260, 262, 263, 269, 275, 278, 279, 285, 286, 294, 297, 308, 309, 312, 320, 331.

Represented by Jewels: Nos. 144 (2), 152 (1), 163 (2), 194 (2), 223 (2), 249 (3), 256 (3), 270 (2), 284 (2), 301 (3), 306 (2), 322, 323 (2), 332 (3), 333 (2), 343 (3). Thirty-nine votes by Jewels.

One hundred and twenty-four Lodges Represented, eighty-five by Members and twenty-nine by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Sept. 5, 1864, were read and adopted.

Applications for New Lodges to be held at Catawissa, Blossburg, and Somerset were read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received and read from Bro. Samuel B. Dick, D. D. G. M., in which he complains of the action of Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, held at Franklin, Venango County Penna., in disobeying his positive instructions in May last in regard to irregular proceedings in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

This being the evening set apart for the Annual Electon of Officers the R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren Tellers.

For votes by Members: Bros. William Whitney, John Thomson, and A. M. Pollock.

For votes by Proxy: Bros. Jas. Hutchinson, R. A. Lamberton and Robert C. Simpson.

For votes by Jewels: Bros. Chas. M. Howell, Edward P. Lescure and David Boyd.

The R. W. Grand Master declining to be a candidate. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to a ballot.

After the report by the Tellers the R. W. Grand Master announced

the following Brethren elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic Year.

Bros. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. Grand Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. D. G. Master. Richard Vaux, R. W. G. Sr. Warden. Robert A. Lamberton, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

Trustees of the Masonic Loans: Bros. William Badger, James Shields, William Barger, John U. Giller, Alex. Kirkpatrick, in connection with the Elective Grand Officers.

Trustees Girard Bequest: Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Jas. Hutchinson, David Boyd, David Jayne, George Thomson.

Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund: Bros. Joseph S. Riley, William S. Black, A. N. Macpherson, Jacob Loudenslager, George Griscom.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace to the third Monday in December at ¼ past Eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. James L. Taylor, D. G. Secretary. N. L. Hatfield, Sr. G. Deacon. Atwood Smith, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. William P. Brice, G. S. Bearer. James Ferguson, Charles Frishmuth, G. Stewards. Wm. Whitney, Josiah Randall, and John Thomson, P. G. Masters. Robert A. Lamberton, D. D. G. M.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Burton. No. 3, Thomson, Hatfield, Martin, Skerrett. No. 9, Palmer, Duffield. No. 19, Beaumont, Teil, Thomas, Griscom, Bennett, Hand. No. 21, Muench, Lamberton. No. 22, Lencker. No. 25, Scott, Jackson. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson, Bell, Thackara. No. 52, Shindler, Ferguson, Brice, Schrack, Haines, Wilson, Sr. & Jr., Day. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Kelly, Geo. L. Taylor. No. 67, Roberts, Worthington, Loudenslager, Wood, Bolt. No. 71, Frismuth, Brice, Jones. No. 72, Hoffman, Coleman, McCay, Thomas. No. 91, Mustin, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Jacobs, Kingston, Clark. No. 115, Adams, Jones, Webb. No. 121, Harris, Brown, Smith, Vaux. No. 125, Norwitz, Muckle, Engelhoffer. No. 126, Page, Laning, Miller. No. 130, Patrick, Stokes, Strickland, Ebert, Giller, Riley, Lescure. No. 131, Leiper, Akers. No. 134, Taylor, Williamson, Keyser. No. 155, Henderson, Woodbury, Bacon, Masson, Porter, Hunn. No. 158,

Funk, Sinn, Eckbert, Shields. No. 186, Adams. No. 187, Horn, Barnes, Neill, Mathews. No. 211, Lee, Lewis. No. 222, Klapp. No. 230, Mather, Brittain. No. 236, Greig. No. 271, Wentz, Young. No. 274, Goddard. No. 289, Anderson.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. H. Adams, No. 138; Peter Williamson, No. 156; M. R. Muckle, No. 216; James Page, No. 222; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; Wm. H. Adams, No. 251; Jas. Shields, Nos. 206, 308; James Ferguson, No. 269; Wm. H. Adams, No. 282; J. Loudenslager, No. 285; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286, 294; P. Williamson, No. 309; Lucien H. Scott, No. 320; Jas. Palmer, No. 331.

Forty-nine Lodges Represented, thirty-three by Members and sixteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past Six o'clock, P. M.

The By-laws and Amendments to By-laws of the following Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws, to wit: Lodges Nos. 52, 75, 106, 19, 135, 125, 155, 158, 187, 232, 246, 268, 287, 286, 289, 310, and 345.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 21 asking permission to take another Ballot on —— ——, Jr., a rejected candidate in said Lodge. Also from —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petition was granted. Provided the Members are duly notified when said ballot is to take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 22 asking permission to take another ballot on Mr. —— —— a rejected applicant to said Lodge. On motion the prayer was granted, provided all the members are notified when said ballot is to take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 45 for permission to take another ballot on —— ——. The prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 61 for a reballot on —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants. The prayer granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 71 to take a reballot on —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 115 for a reballot on Mr. —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 211 to take a reballot on —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287 to take a reballot on —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 292 to take a reballot

on —— ——, —— —— and —— —— rejected applicants in said Lodge. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 342 to take a reballot on —— —— a rejected applicant in said Lodge. The prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Herman Lodge, No. 125, to remove an unfavourable report against Mr. —— —— an applicant for Initiation and Membership. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was referred to the Committee of Appeals with the accompanying papers, &c., &c.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 106, at Williamsport, in relation to their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge and asking a remission of a portion of their dues. On motion was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

An application for a New Lodge at Ten Mile place, Washington County, Penna., was read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application for a new Lodge to be located in Oxford, Chester County, Penna., was also read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 317 at Wellsboro, Tioga County, Penna., in relation to the Initiation fee and monthly dues. When on motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, it was resolved to refer the whole subject to a special Committee of Five. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Richard Vaux, William H. Allen, Peter Keyser and Robert Frazer said Committee.

The printed proceedings from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to wit: Grand Lodges of England, Canada and Rhode Island.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was read and approved, "to wit:"

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penna. respectfully submit the following Quarterly Report: The accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the Quarter ending Nov. 15, 1864, were examined and found correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Dues from Lodges	$2,422 00
Rents of stores	2,041 68
Dispensations, D. D. G. M.'s	100 00
Warrants	162 00
Balance due Grand Treasurer	2,162 27
	$6,887 95

PAYMENTS.

Balance due Grand Treas. last report		$1,929 22
Orders of Grand Mast. including D. D. G. M.'s		385 00
Grand Secretary's salary	$312 50	
Expenses of office	62 50	
		375 00
Interest on Masonic Loan		1,230 00
Grand Treas. expense of office		27 33
Wm. B. Schnider sundries		317 59
Hall Committee, gas		375 51
" sundries		48 30
Donation to Chambersburg		2,000 00
Insurance on furniture		200 00
		$6,887 95

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on Masonic Loans were examined and found correct as follows:

Paid on the $110,000 Loan.

Balance as per last report	$121 50
Paid since	46 50
Balance on hand	$75 00

On the $41,000 Loan.

Amount appropriated	$1,230 00
Paid out in full	1,230 00

The accounts of the Hall Committee were also examined and found correct exhibiting orders on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $741 40

Gas $375.51, Labor 317,59, sundries $48.30 ..... $741 40

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
ROBERT CLARK, JOS. T. THOMAS,
Committee.

PHILA., November 24, 1864, A. L. 5864.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania respectfully present the following annual report of the Financial Affairs of the Grand Lodge, for the fiscal year ending November 15, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864. Your Committee have examined, quarterly,

the accounts of the Hall Committee, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, and have found them uniformly correct. The accounts, books and records of the Grand Lodge are neatly and correctly kept by the officers having charge of them. They have taken full vouchers and exercised a general care over the true interests of the Grand Lodge. Your Committee now present a condensed statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance at last report	$308 65
Dues from Lodges	26,116 39
Rents of stores	6,274 69
Rents of Chapters and Mark Lodges	1,128 91
Fees, Office, District Deputy Grand Master's	2,028 87
Warrants	243 00
Dispensations, Grand Secretary	1,141 00
Balance due Grand Treasurer	2,162 27
	$39,403 78

PAYMENTS.

Orders of Grand Master, including District Deputy Grand Masters	$1,822 08
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	1,550 00
Interests on Loans	4,371 00
Trustees Masonic Loans	17,808 05
Hall Committee	7,706 01
Printing	339 42
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,497 00
Taxes	1,652 00
Insurance	200 00
Chambersburg sufferers	2,000 00
Grand Treasurer's expenses	37 38
Grand Tyler's "	420 84
	$39,403 78

We next submit a condensed statement of payments of interest on Masonic Loans:

On the $110,000 Loan:	
Amount appropriated	$1,911 00
Paid during the year	1,836 00
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Secretary of	$75 00

On the $41,000 Loan:

Amount appropriated	$2,460 00
Paid during the year	2,460 00

Your Committee add, for the information of the Brethren, the following statement of the Loans of the Grand Lodge:

Outstanding, per report of last year	$41,000 00
Purchased and redeemed this year	21,600 00
Balance	$19,400 00

Divided between the Loans as follows:

Unpaid last year on the $110,000 Loan	$31,850 00
Redeemed since	20,350 00
Leaving a balance of	$11,500 00
Unpaid last year on the $41,000 Loan	$9,150 00
Purchased this year	1,250 00
Leaving a balance of	$7,900 00

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Masonic Loans were examined and found correct. Cancelled and transferred certificates were exhibited to your Committee, as follows:

Loan of $110,000.

Certificates cancelled for	$98,500 00
Balance outstanding	$11,500 00

Loan of $41,000.

Certificates purchased and transferred to the Trustees	$33,100 00
Balance outstanding	$7,900 00

The accounts of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest were examined and found correct, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Amount on deposit in Pennsylvania Life and Trust Co., March 7, 1864	$3,033 03	
Dividends and Interest, and $7,000 Camden and Amboy Bonds paid off	9,666 61	
		$11,699 64

PAYMENTS.

Cash paid Committees Nos. 1, 2, and 3, for charity	$1,625 00	
Paid for eight Coupon Bonds, U. S. Five-Twenties	8,345 00	
Paid for thirteen shares Pennsylvania Railroad Co., allowed to stockholders at par, with accrued interest	651 08	
Balance—Cash on hand, deposited in Pennsylvania Life and Trust Co.	1,078 56	
		$11,699 64

The accounts of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund were examined and found correct as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance at last report	$242 53	
Interest, &c., received	2,689 50	
		$2,932 03

PAYMENTS.

Cash to Board of Almoners	$1,500 00	
U. S. Loan $1,000	1,142 50	
Balance on hand	289 53	
		$2,932 03

The securities of both Boards of Trustees were exhibited to your Committee, and found correct, as follows:

Trustees of the Girard Bequest.....$47,170, at par.
Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.....$46,350, "

Your Committee have, after consultation with the proper officers and committees, made the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1865:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Dues from Lodges	$25,000 00	
Dispensations, warrants, &c.	1,200 00	
Rents of stores	8,000 00	
		$34,200 00

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Loans.

On outstanding of $110,000:		
January 1, 1865	$345 00	
July 1, 1865	345 00	

On outstanding of $41,000:		
April 1, 1865	$1,230 00	
October 1, 1865	1,230 00	
		$3,150 00
Hall Committee.		
Labor	$884 00	
Water and sewerage	68 00	
Gas	2,000 00	
Incidentals	1,000 00	
Taxes	2,500 00	
Fuel	900 00	
		7,352 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	$1,800 00	
" " insurance on furniture	200 00	
Grand Master's expenses	1,000 00	
District Deputy Grand Master's expenses	300 00	
Grand Treasurer's expenses	250 00	
Grand Tyler's "	250 00	
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	$1,800 00	
Deposit on Pittsburg Loan	123 00	
	1,677 00	
		5,477 00
Total estimated disbursements		$15,979 00

In conclusion, we present, for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the usual resolutions of appropriation for the present fiscal year, ending November 15, 1865.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN C. YEAGER,
ROBERT CLARK, J. T. THOMAS,
MICHAEL NISBET,

Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1864.

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1865:

Hall Committee	$7,352 00
Grand Secretary's salary and expenses	1,800 00
" " insurance on furniture	200 00
Grand Master's expenses	1,000 00
District Deputy Grand Master's expenses	300 00
Grand Treasurer's expenses	250 00
Grand Tyler's "	250 00
Trustee's Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,677 00
	$12,829 00

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the following amounts and dates, to pay interest on Masonic Loans:

January 1, 1865	$345 00
July 1, 1865	345 00
April 1, 1865	1,230 00
October 1, 1865	1,230 00
	$3,150 00

The following report was read, approved and directed to be spread upon the Minutes:

MASONIC HALL,

DECEMBER 19, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund take pleasure in reporting the financial transactions for the present year, viz.:

By Balance from the year 1863		$242 53
" Receipts from the investments		2,689 50
Disbursements were:		
To the Almoners	$1,500 00	
" Investment in U. S. Five-Twenty Bonds	1,000 00	
" Premium paid on do	142 50	
" Balance on hand uninvested	289 53	
	$2,932 03	$2,932 03

The funds are invested as follows:

Grand Lodge, subscription for ten years	$30,000 00	
Less Pittsburg Loan	2,050 00	
		$27,950 00
Pittsburg Masonic Loan and Stock		2,050 00
Masonic Loan		6,850 00
Philadelphia City Loan		4,800 00
United States Five-Twenty Bonds		1,500 00
Mortgage on property in Germantown		3,200 00
Total amount of investments		$46,350 00

JOSEPH S. RILEY, GEORGE GRISCOM,
WM. S. BLACK, ANGUS N. MACPHERSON,
J. LOUDENSLAGER,

Trustees.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the several By-laws and Amendments submitted to them and recommend as follows: See Report as filed on Lodge No. 52, No. 75, No. 106, No. 19, No. 125, No. 135, No. 155, No. 158, No. 187, No. 227, No. 268, No. 286, No. 287, No. 310, No. 335, No. 246. No. 345.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) SAM'L. C. PERKINS, J. HENRY BROWN,
WM. H. ADAMS, JOHN RUTHERFORD, JR.,
JOS. H. HEDGES,

Committee on By-laws.

PHIL., Dec. 19th, 1864.

The following report was read and the resolutions attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter to the Grand Lodge by Lodge No. 266 of York, Penna., respectfully report: that Bro. —— ——— of Washington Territory preferred complaints to Lodge No. 266 against Brother —— ——— member of said Lodge charging him with a breach of his Masonic obligation in having reported him, the said ———. to the Government for uttering disloyal sentiments upon which report and evidence given by ——— he ——— had been dismissed the service. A Committee was appointed and evidence taken by interrogatories. ——— refusing to reply to said interrogatories on the ground that the subject matter of the charges was a matter exclusively for the consideration of Government, and was not within the Jurisdiction of a Masonic Lodge. The Committee reported the evidence to the Lodge whereupon the latter passed the following resolution: (see letter) "WHEREAS the case of Bro. ——— against Bro. ——— member of this Lodge is of such a nature as to have caused much feeling and there being reason to believe some may be influenced by prejudice and believing that the Grand Lodge would be better able to decide the matter with impartiality therefore be it *Resolved*, that the report of the investigating Committee with accompanying documents of Bros. ——— and ——— bearing on the case be transmitted by the Worshipful Master of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of this state for it to decide the proper course to pursue in the premises." After a careful examination of the case to which the attention of the Committee had been given on a former occasion they offer for the adoption of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that a Subordinate Lodge cannot be permitted to refer original matter to the Grand Lodge for investigation. *Resolved*, that the papers and proceedings in the matter of the charges of —— ——— against —— ——— be remitted to Lodge No. 266 for its action. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish

Lodge No. 266 with a copy of this report and resolutions. Here the duties of the Committee may be considered as properly at an end, but in as much as the subject seems to be one of no little embarrassment to the Lodge, it may not be regarded as out of place for the Committee to say that in their judgment the charge is not of a character inviting or requiring the exercise of Masonic Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report was also read and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— ——— from the action of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 155, respectfully report that at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge the following resolution was offered, which was ruled out of order by the W. M. and refused to be received by him and put to the Lodge from which decision Bro. ——— and others appealed. "*Resolved*, that this Lodge will dispense with furnishing refreshments after to-night except at the annual meetings." The Committee after having heard the appealing Brethren and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge were at a loss to know that any difficulty could stand in the way of the reception of such a resolution upon such a subject by the Worshipful Master. It was a proper one to present to the Worshipful Master and he ought to have received and submitted it to the Lodge and taken their action for his guide. There may be cases in which it might be difficult to determine as to the power of the Lodge and the Worshipful Master but this is not one of these. It is too clear for doubt. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the W. M. of Lodge No. 155 erred in refusing to entertain the resolution offered by Bros. ———, ——— and ———.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Hall Committee was read. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed. In obedience to the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon the Hall Committee beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following report of their proceedings during the past year. At a Grand Communication held Dec. 21, 1864, appropriations were made on estimates submitted to the Finance Committee and the several items embracing important contemplated improvements in the building directed to be carried into effect by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Officers. In regard to the appropriation for alterations and improvements your Committee earnestly proceeded to take the necessary measures for carrying into effect the several duties with which

they were charged. The alteration of most pressing importance which claimed the attention of the Committee was the skylights for the rebuilding of which, on an improved plan, proposals were received from Mr. Henry Philippi and the work completed at a cost of $3,495.23. This important improvement has been completed to the entire satisfaction of the Committee as well as the Grand Officers and we trust now meets the general approbation of the Members of the Grand Lodge. A range has also been erected in the kitchen on the most approved plan at an expenditure of $475 which fully answers all the purposes of the Grand Tyler. These two items amounting in the aggregate to $3,970.23 forms the whole amount disbursed by the Committee from the sum set apart for extraordinary expenses. In reference to other improvements specified in the estimates and which are regarded by the Committee as of very great, if not equal importance with that of the skylights, it was found on a more extended and careful survey of the building by experienced Architects and practical builders that in order to complete the alterations in such manner as would ensure utility and permanency it would require so large an additional sum over and above the amount set forth in the estimates submitted that the Committee deemed it imprudent on their part to proceed with the same without laying the true state of the case before the Grand Lodge and awaiting its further instructions. Actuated by this sentiment and in pursuance of a Resolution of the Committee a report embracing a detailed exposition of the nature of the improvements required together with approximating estimates was laid before the Grand Lodge at the Grand Communication in June last. This report was accompanied with two resolutions. These resolutions were concurred in by the Grand Lodge, but strange to say, the Committee asked for, has not yet as far as your Committee are informed been appointed, notwithstanding said Committee were required by the tenor of the resolutions to report at the next ensuing Grand Communication. It is not the province of the Committee nor do they on their part speculate on the causes which have operated to defeat an express order of the Grand Lodge, nor do they desire to animadvert on the course pursued further than to offer a simple statement of the fact, leaving it for the Grand Lodge to decide how far such a procedure is in keeping and harmony with the weight and dignity which should characterize its action. It will be perceived by the first resolution before alluded to, the appropriations for several improvements excepting skylights then under contract and the kitchen range, were revoked and the Committee were thus rendered powerless to execute any improvement, and the whole matter stands to-day in the same condition as it occupied at the beginning of the year. The Committee on the further reflection which they have been enabled to give the subject, see no cause to change any sentiment expressed in their former report, but, on the contrary, avail themselves of the present occasion to reaffirm the opinions therein set forth and now respectfully ask

that the Committee demanded by the resolution heretofore submitted may be appointed with instructions to report at the next Grand Communication. If the Grand Lodge should decide after a proper investigation shall have been made by the Committee asked for, that it is inexpedient to dispose of the Hall. The first object which must then necessarily claim attention, will be the permanent repair or remodeling of the roof, as no interior improvement can be judiciously made until that is fully accomplished. The Committee in their estimates for the ensuing year presented to the Committee of Finance have confined themselves to such items alone as are necessary to provide for the necessary or ordinary expenses of the Hall, having been debarred by the peculiar situation in which they stand in consequence of the non-appointment of the Committee asked for in a former report, from going any further than the absolute expenditures require. They have been desirous of performing their whole duty and have labored zealously to inaugurate such measures as in their judgment would redound to the benefit of the Order, and if their efforts have not been seconded by their superiors in authority the fault they are induced to hope will not rest with the Committee. The present condition of the Hall so far as regards the preservation of the properties it contains, the careful manner in which they are kept, and the general cleanliness and order of every apartment are all that could be reasonably required, and notwthstanding slight complaints have sometimes been made as will probably always be the case, by the few who are fastidiously nice, the Committee apprehend they have scarcely been justified by the facts and are satisfied that the condition and order of the building in all its departments will fairly compare with any private mansion. So many complaints have from time to time been made to the Committee on the long protracted meetings of many of the Lodges, reaching, as has been charged in many instances, to low twelve, that your Committee recently made it the subject of a special report accompanied with a resolution intended to reach the case. This resolution did not pass and the Committee now desire to do no more than to bring the subject to the notice of the Grand Lodge in the hope that the R. W. Grand Master, within whose prerogative the Committee are of opinion the subject justly falls, may take such order in the matter as its importance shall demand and by a judicious interposition of authority abate the evil. That the practice in question is clearly in violation of the ancient usages of the Order, as well as manifestly subversive of harmony and good works, must be acknowledged by all right minded men and that its discontinuance is therefore imperatively demanded should scarcely admit of a doubt.

On behalf of the Committee.

JOHN BOLT, *Chairman.*

JOHN U. GILLER, *Secty.*

DEC. 6, 1864.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by P. G. M. Brother James Page and unanimously adopted, "to wit:" WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has heard with sincere sorrow and regret of the long and protracted illness and suffering of its esteemed Brother P. G. M. Brother Samuel Badger who for many years held its highest honors and presided over its deliberations with marked fidelity and distinguished ability and deeply sympathize with him and his family. Therefore be it, *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby respectfully requested to visit and extend to Bro. Badger such kindness and relief as is befitting our fraternal relations and which in his judgment may be adopted to console and assist our suffering Brother. *Resolved*, that one thousand dollars be appropriated and placed in the hands of the R. W. Grand Master for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution.

Closed in peace at ¼ to nine o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present: BROS. DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. G. Master. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. D. G. Master. John L. Goddard, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Richard Vaux, R. W. Jr. G. Warden. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Edwd. Brewer, Sr. G. Deacon. John U. Giller, Jr. G. Deacon. George W. Wood, G. Marshal. Charles B. Reess, G. S. Bearer. Edwd. Masson and James Ferguson, G. Stewards. Atle J. White, G. Pursuivant. Henry W. Ducachet, G. Chaplain. John Thomson, P. G. Master. Robert A. Lamberton, Howell and McCabe, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Samuel & R. C. Floyd, Umstead, Burton, Alexander. No. 3, Skerrett, Ingram, Brown. No. 9, Brodie. No. 19, Bennett, Meehan, Hand, Thornley, Griscom, Teil, Rankin. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howell, Briggs. No. 51, Thomson. No. 52, Bruce, Hann, Shindler, White, Shrack, Day, Wilson, Ferguson. No. 59, Reed, Adams, Patton. No. 67, McIlree, Roberts, Griffith, Wood, Worthington, Reess, Bolt. No. 71, Price, Frismuth. No. 72, McCay, White, Irvine, Dickson, Coleman, Thomas. No. 91, Van Osten, Penrose, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Jacobs, Buckingham, Morrell, Boyd, Clark, Brooks. No. 115, Kraft, Yost, Webb, Jones, Colton. No. 121, Vaux, Harris, Klett. No. 125, Engelhoffer, Morwitz. No. 126, Blelock, Montgomery. No. 130. Riley, Lescure, Bray, Ebert, Hunter, Giller. No. 131, Leiper, Akers. No. 134, Williamson, Maas, Van Cleve, Brown. No. 155, Moore, Woodbury, Porter, Helm. No. 158, Julius, Eckert. No. 186, Watt. No. 187, Parsons, Russell, Barnes, Mathews. No. 211, Lewis, Morris. No. 230, Turner. No. 236, Gibson. No. 238, Megand, McCabe, Hahn. No. 246, Hackenburg, Walton. No. 262, Orr. No. 274,

Sears, Goddard, Pedrick. No. 289, Anderson, Burkhardt. No. 295, Meyer. No. 302, Thomas. No. 309, Pierce. No. 340, Robb, Todd. No. 343, Umstead, McClellan.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 138, 151, 282; Peter Williamson, Nos. 156, 309; Joseph S. Riley, No. 226; John Thornley, No. 229; James Ferguson, No. 269; Richard Vaux, Nos. 286, 294, 344; Lucius H. Scott, No. 320.

The Grand Lodges of New York and Washington Territory were represented by Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. Sr. G. Warden, and the Grand Lodge of Missouri was represented by Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

Fifty-two Lodges represented, forty by members and twelve by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 10 o'clock in the morning.

The following report from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read, approved, and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," respectfully submits the following Report of their proceedings during the year ending December 27th, 1864. In the performance of their official duty, they have distributed relief to forty-five "poor and respectable brethren," to wit:

To 30 brethren hailing under this jurisdiction.....				$1,090 00
" 15 " " from foreign jurisdictions, to wit:				
2	from	New York	$40 00	
1	"	Kentucky	30 00	
1	"	Virginia	30 00	
2	"	South Carolina	55 00	
1	"	Maryland	30 00	
1	"	Mississippi	20 00	
1	"	Minnesota	25 00	
1	"	California	30 00	
1	"	Texas	30 00	
1	"	Canada West	20 00	
1	"	Nova Scotia	20 00	
1	"	England	50 00	
1	"	Algiers	30 00	
				410 00
Total amount of relief granted				$1,500 00
Paid for cash and minute books.....				18 00
Total				$1,518 00

Balance remaining on hand as per last Annual Report....	$267 50
Amount appropriated for use of Stewards.....	2,375 00
Add order No. 110, drawn November 4th, 1858, canceled....	15 00
Total	$2,657 50
From which deduct total amount of relief granted and expenses, as before stated.....	1,518 00
Leaving a balance on hand December 27th, 1864.....	$1,139 50

It will be observed that while the number of applicants from foreign jurisdictions is the same as the previous year, the number from Pennsylvania has fallen off one-half; this may be accounted for, in part, from the largely increased amount of employment in the various branches of industry, and the prosperous condition of the subordinate Lodges, the state of their funds enabling them to relieve, to a greater extent than formerly, their own members who may require assistance. During the year, five of the applicants for relief, hailing under this jurisdiction, died; and the Board of Stewards have to lament the sudden demise of one of its oldest and most efficient members, in the full career of his usefulness. I allude to Brother Matthew Cartwright, whose devotion to Masonry, and zealous practice of its true principles during his whole Masonic life, was constant and unwavering. He was a member of the Board from the period of its organization until his decease, and for the faithful discharge of his duty was proverbial. Courteous, affable, and unassuming in his manners, in his disposition mild and gentle to a degree, these estimable qualities greatly endeared him to the Brethren with whom he was associated. With a heart ever alive to the wants of the poor and deserving brother, and a hand prompt to relieve his distress, he was in every respect a true Mason. Having been associated with him in the performance of the duties incumbent upon the Stewards during a long period of years, it is therefore meet that I should pay this tribute to his memory. His death has caused a void not easily filled, and our eyes may anxiously turn to the place where he usually sat, but shall find him not; yet shall his form, his voice and manly bearing, be ever present to our recollections, and the remembrance of his noble virtues be indelibly impressed upon our hearts. The Grand Master of all in his infinite wisdom, has summoned him to the Grand Lodge above; we may lament the absence of our brother, yet must we bow in humble submission to the decree of Him whose judgment passeth our understanding. All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

The Annual Report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year ending December 27th, 1864, A. L. 5864, was read,

approved, and referred to the Committee on Printing and Publishing:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

On behalf of the Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the undersigned presents the following report of their proceedings for the year 1864:

Amount on hand as per last report	$215 00
Appropriations by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the year 1864	1,500 00
Total	$1,715 00

Distributed as follows:

110	applications	from	widows	of	deceased	members,	$1,505 00
7	"	"	daughters	of	"	"	145 00
1	"	"	mother	of	"	"	15 00
118							1,655 00
	Leaving a balance unexpended of						$50 00

Of the sums distributed there were appropriated to widows of members of Lodges under this jurisdiction:

	104	applicants	$1,470 00
New York	4	"	45 00
New Jersey	3	"	45 00
Delaware	2	"	20 00
Iowa	1	"	15 00
District of Columbia	2	"	45 00
Louisiana	1	"	15 00
Ireland	1	"	10 00
	118		$1,665 00

The appropriation for the quarter commencing April, not being required for the purposes of the Board of Almoners, remains with Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED R. POTTER, *President Board of Almoners.*

PHILA., Dec. 27, 1864, A. L. 5864.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, submitted the following Report, which was approved and ordered to be printed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Masonic Loans respectfully report, that they have duly examined and vouched the annexed financial statement, and find the same correct, and submit it to the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM BADGER, *President.*

Attest—WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary to the Board.*

PHILA., Dec. 26th, 1864.

Trustees of the Masonic Loans in account with Peter Williamson, Treasurer.

1863.	CR.	
Dec. 24,	By balance in Treasurer's hands as per last report,	$4,152 74
1864.		
Dec. 26,	By cash received at sundry times from the Grand Lodge up to this date	17,808 05
"	By interest received at sundry times on investments	2,242 50
	Making a total of	$24,203 29

1864.	DR.		
Dec.	To investments in $110,000 Loan	$20,350 00	
	To " $41,000 Loan	1,250 00	
	To interest paid to time of purchase	142 84	
	To cash in hands of Treasurer	2,460 45	
	In all making as above		$24,203 29
	Total amount of debt as per last Report		$41,000 00
	Total reduction during the year		21,600 00
	Balance still due		$19,400 00
	On the $110,000 Loan, due	$11,500 00	
	On the $40,000 Loan, due	7,900 00	
	Making as above		$19,400 00

Errors and omissions excepted.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

PHILA., Dec. 26th. 1864.

The following was also read and ordered to be printed, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The following statements will show the number of persons admitted, initiated, rejected, suspended or expelled, deceased, with the

number of members up to December 27th, 1863, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, viz.:

Admitted	225
Initiated	2,042
Rejected	247
Resigned	228
Suspended or Expelled	265
Deceased	254

Total number of members 15,481, being an increase over and above the preceding year of 1,493 members.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 5th, as relates to the election of Officers, was read and approved.

After which the Right Worshipful Grand Master delivered the following Valedictory Address:

Brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge,

The time has arrived when according to the termination of my tenure of office and the usages which have for years regulated our Masonic action, I must retire from the high and honorable position to which it was your pleasure to elevate me. This I cannot do without tendering to you the acknowledgment of a grateful heart accompanied by my thanks for the kind and fraternal consideration and forbearance which I have ever experienced at your hands. In passing from the East to take my place among those who have preceded me in the possession of the Right Worshipful Grand Master's chair, I shall carry with me the recollection of the harmony and pleasure I have for many long years enjoyed in the stations to which your kindness assigned me, and the evening of my days will be smoothed with recollections of your Masonic love which will tinge the clouds that mark my setting in the West with their silvery lining and shed a mellow light on my waning hours. It is a matter of sincere gratification to me to advert to the prosperity of the Masonic Order in this state, which has prevailed for a long time past. The growth of our Order has been rapid and extensive, and with our numerical strength the broad field of Masonic charity has been made wider and more efficient, and brotherly love and harmony have abounded in our deliberations and manifested themselves in the happy union of feeling and sentiment between the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, indicating the stability of each and all, and giving promise of a future that shall, if possible, eclipse the past: I commend to you in this my valedictory, a strict adhesion to those *Landmarks* which have ever been, and should continue to be our guide. It is to these we are indebted for all we have, and to

these we must look for our preservation in the future. While other institutions decay and break up, ours has within it the seeds of an immortal life, passing from the shores of time unto the ocean of Eternity, to that Lodge not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Order is Heaven's first law, obedience to that law the sure passport to success on earth, and in this we trace the true secret of Masonic triumph, and Masonic perpetuity. So invoking you then to stand by the *traditions* and *usages* of the past that we may keep on in our career of harmony, strength and usefulness, and bidding you an official, but not a personal farewell, as I shall still continue to take an interest in, and be present at, your deliberations, I shall now proceed to make such a statistical statement in reference to the business of the Grand Lodge as it is my duty to communicate. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show an unusual degree of prosperity of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction; increasing in membership, they also show that the greatest harmony prevails with the strongest feeling of loyalty to the Grand Lodge. Our relations with the other Grand Lodges are of the most satisfactory character, as the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence will fully show. On the 15th day of June, 1864, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant, Past Grand Master Brother James Hutchinson, and several other brethren, left Philadelphia and arrived that afternoon at Easton, when District Deputy Grand Master Brother Sweeny convened Easton Lodge, No. 152, in the evening, paid a Grand Visitation and gave instruction in the work. I was much gratified by the large attendance of the brethren and the desire manifested to gain correct knowledge. On the following day left Easton for Scranton, Luzerne County, where we arrived late in the day. The reception by the brethren, under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master Brother Kingsbury, was of the most cordial and flattering character. On the following morning with the valuable assistance of Brother Kingsbury, I constituted Schiller Lodge, No. 355, in the presence of a large assembly of the craft, there being seventeen Lodges represented, and honored by the presence of three District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers Kingsbury, Simpson, and Stewart, also Past District Deputy Grand Master Brother S. D. Lewis. In the afternoon I again met the brethren in their Hall, which was crowded. Paying them a Grand Visitation, I proceeded to give them instruction in the work, and at each stage requested them to ask such explanatory questions as might present themselves to their mind, of which they freely availed themselves, and in this way some hours were very pleasantly and I trust profitably passed. The visit to Scranton was of the most gratifying character, and will long be remembered by all who participated in it. On the following day left for home. On the 28th of September, left Philadelphia, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain Brother Chambers, Grand Marshal and several other brethren, members of the Grand Lodge, and went to York, Pa., for

the purpose of dedicating their new Hall, and also to constitute Hanover Lodge, No. 348. We arrived in York in the afternoon, and were most cordially and respectfully received by Brother Spahr, the Worshipful Master, the officers and a number of the members of York Lodge; in the evening arrangements were made for the ceremony of dedication. On the following morning at 10 A. M., the craft assembled at the old lodge room, the procession formed extending several squares, and after passing through the principal streets entered a large church, which was densely filled, the citizens occupying the galleries, while the lower floor was crowded with Masons, as there were representatives from a number of the surrounding Lodges, and Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, was there in its strength. The Grand Chaplain Brother Chambers ascending to the pulpit, after an introductory prayer, delivered a most eloquent and appropriate address, which was listened to with the most profound attention. The procession was reformed and proceeded to the new Masonic Hall, when the ceremony of dedication was fully accomplished, in which I had the assistance of District Deputy Grand Master Brother Charles M. Howell. It affords me great pleasure in congratulating York Lodge upon their beautiful lodge room, arranged with so much taste and fitness for the purposes for which it is intended. In the evening of the same day I constituted Hanover Lodge No. 348. On the following morning left for Gettysburg, in the evening paid the Lodge No. 336 a Grand Visitation, giving full instruction in the work, with which the brethren, who were anxious for information, appeared to be gratified. On the next morning, Saturday, left for Carlisle, in the evening paid a Grand Visitation to the two Lodges Nos. 197 and 260, went over the work, giving full instruction. On Monday, left for Harrisburg, arriving at noon, but owing to a brother who had promised to inform the District Deputy Grand Master of our intention to be there, but who failed to do so, the Lodge was not convened. On Tuesday, left for Reading, arriving at noon; the District Deputy Grand Master Brother J. L. Stichter convened the two Lodges Nos. 62 and 227 in the evening, paid them a Grand Visitation, assisted by Brother Stichter, when I went over the work in the different degrees and ceremonial of the Lodge, giving full instruction. In all these visits I have been much gratified by the cordial and fraternal feeling evinced by all the brethren. On the following morning returned to Philadelphia. I have during the year visited all the lodges meeting in this Hall, and have been much gratified to find so much harmony, as well as devotion to the Order, prevailing, which applies not only to the city Lodges, but throughout the jurisdiction where I have visited, and from information I have received from the District Deputy Grand Masters, and from the information imparted by those officers and members who have written to or called on me in my office for instruction. Warrants have been granted during the year to the following Lodges, to wit:

No. 345 at Scranton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.
" 346 " Connellsville, Fayette " "
" 347 " Girard Borough, Erie " "
" 348 " Hanover, York " "
" 349 " Catawissa, Clinton " "
" 350 " Blosburg, Tioga " "
" 351 " Knoxville, " " "

Of these Nos. 345, 346. 347 and 348 have been constituted, while Nos. 349, 350 and 351 have yet to be constituted. A number of applications for warrants, and referred to the Grand Officers, are under consideration. The finances of the Grand Lodge during the past year have continued to improve.

The Grand Lodge debt was, December 27th, 1863	$41,000 00
Of which there has been paid off this year	21,600 00
Leaving the amount of the Grand Lodge debt, Dec. 27th, 1864	$19,400 00

The $110,000 00 Loan reduced to	$11,500 00	
The 41,000 00 " "	7,900 00	
	$19,400 00	

Agreeing with the preceding statement.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund, as per report Dec. 27, 1863, was	$42,350 00
Amount invested this year	1,142 50
Yearly subscription of the Grand Lodge	3,000 00
Amount of fund, December 27th, 1864	$46,592 00

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund have this year paid out in charity to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons the sum of $1,665.00, as their report will more fully show.

Girard Bequest, December 27th, 1864, amounts to $47,170 00

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund have this year distributed the following amounts for the relief of poor but respectable brethren, to wit:

To applicants from our own State	$1,090 00
" " " other States and countries	410 00
Total	$1,500 00

as the report of the Stewards will more fully show.

Dispensations granted during the past year:

To Enter, Pass and Raise	3
" Pass and Raise	55
" Raise	1
" Pass the Chair	189
Number of Grand Lodge certificates issued	15
Number of Masons as per the last report, to Dec. 27th, 1862	13,988

The Report since is as follows:

Admissions	225
Initiations	2,042
Resignations	228
Suspended and expelled	265
Deceased	233
Number of Masons December 27th, 1863	15,481

Being an increase of 1,493 during the year 1863.

The same report also shows that 247 applicants have been rejected, proving great caution on the part of the Lodges in keeping out the unworthy. The number of admissions and initiations during the past year (1864) will far exceed those reported for any preceding year, but as full returns from all Lodges have not been received by the Grand Secretary, a detailed statement cannot be given. And now let us invoke the blessing and guardianship of the Great Grand Master of the Universe, to preserve this Grand Lodge in its present harmony and prosperity; that its members may be blessed in all their just undertakings; and that we may be permitted again to meet a twelvemonth hence to render praise to His great name.

The following named brethren were then installed into their respective stations in ancient and solemn form, as follows:

Bros. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. Grand Master; John L. Goddard, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Richard Vaux, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Robert A. Lamberton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer; William H. Adams, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to deliver the following address:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN:—Our devout thanks are due to Almighty God for the merciful protection and care extended over us during the past Masonic year. Although our beloved country has been torn by faction, desolated by intestine strife, and drenched in fraternal blood, still, within the precincts of this sacred temple and the bounds of this Masonic Jurisdiction, all has been peace, harmony and fraternal love. Our stated, regular, special and extra communications have been held without interruption or alarm—no scenes of violence dis-

turbing the labors of the craftsmen, and no discordant sounds requiring the power and authority of the gavel. As in the open ocean, the tempest may rage with desolating fury, whilst at the same time the harbor within the neighboring headland reposes in all the quiet grace and beauty of the morning breeze. Well may Free Masons rejoice that a haven of rest and peace has thus been opened for them from the storms and violence of the outer world, and well may it teach them to guard with zealous care against the introduction of controverted subjects, the discussion of which may lead to jarring discord, often fatal to the peace and harmony of the order. On entering, brethren, upon the duties connected with the high office to which your partiality and confidence have called me, I should sink under a deep sense of the great responsibility of the station and of my own incapacity to discharge them, were it not for the confidence I entertain that, having placed me by an almost unanimous voice in a position in which I most require your continued forbearance and support, you will not withdraw them at the hour of my greatest need. It is, moreover, brethren, a source of no small consolation to know that I serve a peculiar constituency. Among the membership of the Grand Lodge are many whom in times past have been honored by the highest offices in your power to bestow. Those venerated brethren, having guided your councils during the customary period, retired from the responsible duties of the Chair, followed by the grateful regards of the brethren with whom they again meet and mingle, leaving to their successors the light of their example and experience. As the full-orbed sun, when his day is ended, sinks in the western sky, reflecting back a radiance richer than all his mid-day glory. Others there are whose merits and virtues have been rewarded in similar manner by their own respective Lodges, whilst others are in the present enjoyment of official honors, the natural fruits of confidence and fraternal regards of their brethren. Attention to Masonic law and the usages, customs and landmarks of the Order, may surely be expected of those who have learned the duty and necessity of obedience in schools where they have been accustomed to command. It has been the habit of most of those distinguished brethren who have preceded me in this high office, to indicate, by a preliminary address, their views in regard to the general condition of the Order, and especially whatever, in their opinion, affects the harmony, welfare, and prosperity of this Grand Lodge and Masonry in this Masonic jurisdiction. In imitation of this example, I desire to invite your attention to a few suggestions that may be deemed of sufficient importance to demand a passing notice. In the first place, I would remark that we have all, under solemn circumstances, pledged ourselves to each other and to Masonry, that we will support the laws, rules, and regulations of the Order, and never permit, under any circumstances, an ancient landmark to be removed or obliterated, or an ancient regulation to be disregarded. I fear, brethren, that, in this age of

excitement and change, these solemn promises are not always strictly adhered to. I fear that some of our modern Masonic teachers are in the habit of pointing out a new and what they conceive to be a better way, and that the altars where our fathers worshipped are no longer considered holy. There seems to be a restless and increasing desire for change, which if unresisted, will soon remove the last landmark, break down the last arch in the temple, and the world may mourn over the last vestige of Ancient Free Masonry. Whilst one denounces the language and terms employed in our work as coarse and uncouth, others are prepared to prove that some of our most familiar names and phrases are utterly inconsistent with well established principles and rules of modern science. I envy no man's literary taste who cannot discover harmony and beauty in our most ancient Masonic records. Ancient events should be chronicled by ancient phraseology. Who would desire to see the sublime melodies of the "Sweet Singer of Israel," or the pathetic pastorals of the Patriarch Job, or the divine and lofty strains of the Prophet Isaiah, Jeremiah or Habbakuk, recorded in the flashy and flippant style of a modern romance?

I am happy to believe there is less of this spirit of innovation in this jurisdiction than in most others with whom we are in correspondence, but enough exists here to awaken anxiety and alarm for the safety of the "Royal Art," and justify a word of caution uttered in the language of love and with a single eye to the safety, welfare and glory of our ancient Order. I may with propriety here adopt the forcible terms employed by one of our own committees of correspondence on the same subject. They say: "We wish neither to be, nor to be regarded as, critics to condemn nor monitors to reprove. Our duty is that which *loyalty and landmarks* renders imperative. To lay waste a border, remove a stake, obliterate a line, or interpolate the text in what we have received as we received it, we can neither justify nor approve." Free Masons have everywhere and always felt the necessity of the gravest care and caution in their forms and ceremonies and modes of work, and although there is much diversity in different jurisdictions in the mere *ceremonial* of the Order, there are certain rules, regulations and observances that must be the same among all peoples, tribes, and tongues, wherever civilization has opened the door for the introduction of the Order. These we term "*Ancient Landmarks*," and like the laws of the Medes and Persians, cannot be changed. Another subject of grave consideration, if not of anxiety and alarm, is the rapid accumulation of membership in most of our city and many of our country Lodges. Mere numbers are not to be regarded as an element of strength, any more than extravagance is evidence of prosperity. A wholesome gradual growth among the Lodges is desirable, but applications to the number of twenty or thirty in a single night indicates an excited and unnatural state of public feeling, unfriendly to the permanent prosperity of the Order. Is it likely that in such a rush to enter the temple,

all who pass its portals are "worthy and well qualified" or is it not more probable that when calmness takes the place of excitement and the Master has time to examine his laborers, he will find many who cannot be benefited by Masonry, and who are not calculated to add strength and respectability to the Order? Nor is it just to the candidates themselves. Work thus hurried is never well done, and although the rule is inculcated in our Masonic laws that "proof be required of a brother's proficiency in the Craft before he be advanced," yet we all know how seldom that regulation is strictly adhered to. But what is meant by "proficiency?" Is it alone that mere *nominal* proficiency or knowledge of the work that enables the candidate to answer certain questions propounded to him in the progress of his advancement? or is it not also the *moral* proficiency that whilst it instructs it also elevates, and endows the candidate with those qualities required by one of our ancient charges, which asserts that "no brother shall propose for admission into this ancient and honorable Society any person through friendship or partiality, who does not possess the moral and social virtues—a sound head and a good heart—and who has not an entire exemption from all those ill qualities and vices which would bring dishonor on the Craft?" As the welfare and permanency of the Order depend upon the good character of the members, too much caution cannot be exercised in respect to the candidates. In my intercourse with Lodges in different parts of this jurisdiction, both in town and country, it has not escaped my observation that in some cases too much laxity is practiced by committees of inquiry in their investigations, and that the duties committed to their charge are treated as mere matters of form, requiring but little of either labor, vigilance, or care. In this connection, it may not be improper to say a word or two in regard to the action and agency of many well-meaning but mistaken brethren in the different Lodges, whose wishes for the rapid increase of their numbers and finances outrun their discretion, and not willing to await the slow progress of monthly advancement, besiege the Grand Master to interpose his authority to dispense with time. These applications are generally based upon actual or supposed necessity, and are advocated from the purest and most benevolent motives, and often by officers of neighboring Lodges. Circumstances, within a few years past, have added greatly to the supposed necessity for such interposition on the part of Grand Masters, and it has often been found exceedingly difficult to resist the force of appeals sometimes made from the most influential quarters. The unparalleled rapidity with which the new States and Territories bordering on the Pacific Ocean have been peopled by emigrants from the East and North, formerly rendered such applications matters of almost daily occurrence until checked by the wise action of a Grand Master to whom the Grand Lodge is indebted for many years of faithful and important services. That experienced brother, anticipating the consequences that must attend the continuance of the practice, intro-

duced such modifications as relieved it of its most objectionable forms. He established the rule requiring the applicant in all cases to obtain the unanimous ballot *and initiation*, in some Lodge in some standing in this jurisdiction, which having received, he would grant a dispensation to dispense with time in regard to the other two degrees. This plan was so reasonable, as well as necessary, that it is not known to have caused the slightest dissatisfaction, and all his successors having approved and practiced it, it may now be regarded as a regulation of the Grand Lodge. And now, brethren, in conclusion, I have only to add, that in the discharge of the various duties developing upon me, I shall be governed by no personal feeling adverse to the interests of the Grand Lodge, nor shall any vain desire to elevate my own opinions above those of others equally entitled to respect, cause me to interfere with the freedom of debate, but, on the contrary, will not only encourage free discussion on all important matters submitted to the Grand Lodge, and listen respectfully to any suggestions promotive of its interests, but allow the force of argument and judgment thus obtained to have its due influence on my conduct. Upon the wise consel and sound judgment of the excellent Grand officers with whom it has been my good fortune to be associated, I shall place much reliance. Their views and suggestions on subjects claiming attention will always be received with profound respect, and I shall be most happy to promote and encourage that free intercourse and mutual good understanding so essential to harmonious action in discussing the various important matters which may be submitted for their decision. With this brief expression of the views and principles which will govern my course in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, I close by indulging the hope that although I cannot reasonably expect entire satisfaction will result in every particular, or claim exemption from the common frailties of our nature, yet I can most truly and unqualifiedly assert that whatever they may be, they will not be intentional, and for such may I not expect at your hands the most liberal construction of motive, and the freest exercise of charity, for which the Grand Lodge has never heretofore been appealed to in vain?

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then announced the following appointments, to wit:

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bros. John Chambers, Daniel Washburn, Kingston, Goddard, Allan John, H. W. Ducachet, Wm. Suddards, John P. Lundy.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1. Brother Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster, York, and Lebanon, Lodge No. 309 at Downingtown, and Lodge No. 343, at Cochransville.

2. Brother Robert L. Muench, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata and Perry.

3. Brother Joseph L. Stitchter, of Reading, for Berks county, and Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown, and Lodge No. 310, at Perkiomen Bridge.

4. Brother George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill.

5. Brother William Turner, of Honesdale, for Monroe, Wayne, and Pike counties.

6. Brother George Sweeny, of Easton, for Northampton, Carbon and Lehigh counties, and Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.

7. Brother E. P. Kingshury, of Scranton, for Luzerne.

8. Brother J. K. Robins, of Catawissa, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union, and Snyder counties.

9. Brother J. H. Humes, of Jersey Shore, for Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Potter counties.

10. Brother Alexander M. Lloyd, of Hollidaysburg, for Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton counties.

11. Brother William M. Lafferty, of Brownsville, for Greene, Washington, Fayette and Somerset counties.

12. Brother A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburg, for Alleghany and Westmoreland counties.

13. Brother Samuel M. Mehard, of Mercer, for Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

14. Brother Samuel B. Dick, of Meadville, for Crawford, Warren, Erie, and Venango counties.

15. Brother Ed. S. Golden, of Kittanning, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana.

16. Brother R. C. Simpson, of Wellsboro, for Bradford and Tioga counties.

17. Brother J. H. Dusenberry, of Great Bend, for Susquehanna and Wyoming counties.

Senior Grand Deacon, Brother Joseph T. Thomas; Junior Grand Deacon, Frank H. Jackson; Grand Stewards, Adam Maag, and James Ferguson; Grand Marshal, Henry J. White; Grand Sword Bearer, James Simpson; Grand Pursuivant, George H. Ashton; Grand Tyler, William B. Schnider.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bros. William Whitney, Robert Clark, Michael Nisbet, John C. Yeager, Francis Blackburne.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Bros. James Page, Henry M. Phillips, John Thomson, William Curtis, John Beenken.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Daniel M. Fox, Daniel Brittain.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. Robert Frazer, William H. Adams, Joseph H. Hedges, John Rutherford, Jr., J. Henry Brown.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Josiah Randall, William Barger, Peter Williamson, with the R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Bros. Joseph S. Riley, R. Lloyd Lee, George Thomson, Charles Frishmuth, Alfred R. Potter.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. M. Richards Muckle, John Bolt, John U. Giller, James Hutchinson, James C. Adams.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. Samuel Floyd, No. 2; Thomas D. Wattson, No. 3; Edward Henderson, No. 9; Addison Hines, No. 19; James Bateman, No. 51; James S. Shindler, No. 52; J. M. Davenport, No. 29; J. Wagner, No. 67; E. B. Schnider, No. 71; Joel Thomas, No. 72; R. B. Connolly, No. 91; James Morrell, Jr., No. 114; J. Beenken, No. 115; Francis B. Warner No. 121; Charles L. Peeler, No. 125; J. Wesley Miller, No. 126; E. P. Lescure, No. 130; John B. Squires, No. 131; Peter A. Keyser, No. 134; John Martin, No. 155; Francis Funk, No. 158; G. P. Little, No. 186; W. C. Parsons, No. 187; Jonathan Dickinson, No. 211; E. C. Graeff, No. 230; A. T. Jones, No. 246; A. Reinstein, No. 271; J. W. Horner, No. 274; G. Phillips, No. 289; L. R. Fletcher, No. 295.

ALMONERS GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Edward Wiler, No. 2; Charles Padmore, No. 3; Samuel M. Duffield, No. 9; John McGinnis, No. 19; William L. Marshall, No. 51; John Wilson, Sr., No. 52; George L. Taylor, No. 59; H. Baugh, No. 67; D. P. Jones, No. 71; A. R. Potter, No. 72; George S. Mustin, No. 91; W. S. Stokley, No. 114; Washington Heimburger, No. 115; A. R. Fœring, No. 121; John P. Trau, No. 125; James Laning, No. 126; J. L. Young, No. 130; Armstrong Leiper, No. 131; G. J. Becker, No. 134; Joseph Megary, No. 155; John R. Manderfield, Jr., No. 158; J. H. Boswell, No. 186; T. L. Simpson, No. 187; J. Dorlan, No. 212; D. Brittain, No. 230; G. K. Randall, No. 246; J. F. Neal, No. 271; S. P. Pedrick, No. 274; Thomas B. Simpson, No. 289; Henry L. Sinexson, No. 295.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, appointed Brother James L. Taylor Deputy Grand Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother David C. Skerrett and the Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother Lucius H. Scott, be requested to furnish copies of the ad-

dresses delivered this morning, in order to their publication with the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report for the year A. L. 5864, which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act, and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Committee of Correspondence, Samuel C. Perkins, George Griscom, E. T. Chase, Edward Robins, and James B. Chandler, through their Chairman, respectfully report:

That they have received some of the following documents through the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, the same having been referred to them by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and others direct from various Right Worshipful Grand Secretaries, in response to letters addressed to them by your Committee, to wit:

1. *Canada.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 6th Annual Communication, at the City of London, July 10th to 12th, 1861. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 9th Annual Communication at Hamilton, July 13th to 15th, 1864.

2. *Colorado.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Special Communication at Central City, May 6th, 1863; and at the 3d Annual Communication at Denver, November 2d and 3d, 1863.

3. *Connecticut.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 76th Annual Communication at New Haven, May 11th and 12th, 1864.

4. *Delaware.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 55th and 56th Annual Communication at Wilmington, June 27, 1861, and June 27, 1862; at its Semi-annual Comunications at Milford, December 27, 1860, and December 27, 1861; and at several Special Communications. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 5th Annual Communication at Wilmington, June 27, 1863.

5. *Dist. of Columbia.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the year 1862. (*b.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the year 1863.

6. *France.*—Bulletin de Grand Orient, Suprême Conseil pour la France et les Possessions françaises. Journal officiel de la Maçonnerie française. Publication Mensuelle. Troisieme Serie, Nos. 1 to 8; March to October, 1864.

7. *Illinois.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 23d Annual Communication at Springfield, October 6th to 8th, 1863.

8. *Indiana.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication at Indianapolis, May 24th to 26th, 1864.

9. *Iowa.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 18th and 19th Grand Annual Communications at Dubuque, June 4th to 7th, 1861, and Keokuk, June 3d, to 5th, 1862. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 21st Annual Communication at Des Moines, June 7th to 9th, 1864.

10. *Kansas.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 6th Annual Communication at Topeka, Oct. 15th and 16th, 1861. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 8th Annual Communication at Topeka, Oct. 20th and 21st, 1863.

11. *Kentucky.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication at Louisville, Oct. 15th to 19th, 1860. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication at Louisville, Oct. 21st to 24th, 1861. (*c.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication at Louisville, Oct. 19th to 22d, 1863.

12. *Louisiana.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 49th Annual Communication at New Orleans, Feb'y 11th to 15th, 1861. (*b.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 50th Annual Communication at New Orleans, Feb'y 10th to 14th, 1862; and at an Extraordinary Communication at New Orleans, Dec'r 29, 1861. (*c.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 52d Annual Communication at New Orleans, Feb'y 8th to 10th, 1864; and at an Extraordinary Communication at New Orleans, March 30, 1864.

13. *Maine.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Portland, May 3d to 5th, 1864.

14. *Maryland.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual Communication at Baltimore, May 13th to 15th, 1861; and of the Grand Steward's Lodge, from Nov'r, 1860, to May, 1861. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication at Baltimore, Nov'r 18th to 20th, 1861; and at the Special Session at Baltimore, Sept. 10th and 11th, 1861; and for the Grand Steward's Lodge, July 4th and Oct. 3d, 1861. (*c.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication at Baltimore, Nov'r 16th to 18th, 1863; and of the Grand Steward's Lodge, July 2d and Oct. 1st, 1863. (*d.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Semi-annual Communication at Baltimore, May 9th to 11th, 1864; and of the Grand Steward's Lodge, Jan'y 7th and April 7th, 1864.

15. *Massachusetts.*—Abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Boston, from March 11th to Dec. 29th, 1863, being its 130th Anniversary.

16. *Michigan.*—Transactions of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Detroit, Jan'y 13th and 28th, 1864.

17. *Minnesota.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 11th Annual Communication at Saint Paul, Oct. 27th and 28th, 1863.

18. *Mississippi.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at the 43d Annual Communication at Vicksburg, Jan'y 21st to 24th, 1861.

19. *Missouri.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its 44th Annual Communication at St. Louis, May 23d to 26th, 1864.

20. *Nebraska.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 6th Annual Communication at Omaha, June 23d and 24th, 1863.

21. *New Hampshire.*—(*a.*) Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual Communication at Concord, Dec. 27, 1861; and at the Annual Communication at Concord, June 11, 1862. (*b.*) Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual

Communication at Concord, Dec. 30, 1862; and at the Annual Communication at Concord, June 10, 1863. (*c.*) Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual Communication at Concord, Dec. 29, 1863; and at the Annual Communication at Concord, June 8, 1864.

22. *New Jersey.*—Journal of the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at the 77th Annual Communication at Trenton, January 20th and 21st, 1864.

23. *New York.*—Transactions of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at New York, June 7th to 10th, 1864.

24. *Ohio.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Columbus, Oct. 18th to 21st, 1859. (*b.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Columbus, Oct. 15th to 17th, 1861. (*c.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Columbus, Oct. 21st and 22d, 1862. (*d.*) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Columbus, Oct. 20th and 21st, 1863.

25. *Oregon.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 14th Annual Communication at Portland, June 20th to 22d, 1864.

26 *Rhode Island.*—(*a.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the year ending June 24, 1859, being the 68th Anniversary. (*b.*) Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the year ending June 24, 1862, being the 71st Anniversary.

27. *Texas.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its 25th Annual Communication at Houston, June 10th to 18th, 1861.

28. *Vermont.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication at Bellows Falls, Jan'y 13th and 14th, 1864.

29. *Washington Ter'y.*—Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge at the 6th Annual Communication at Olympia, Nov. 24th to 28th, 1863.

30. *Wisconsin.*—Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 21st Annual Communication at Milwaukee, June 14th to 16th, 1864.

In the discharge of their duties the Committee have carefully examined these pamphlets, fifty in number, and occupying upwards of seven thousand octavo pages, generally closely printed. The lists of officers and members of subordinate lodges, it is true, fill a large part of its space; but aside from these, there remains a very large amount of matter requiring an attentive perusal, in order to a just appreciation of the labors of the thirty Grand Lodges whose proceedings are thus recorded. The Committee see no reason to alter the plan which was adopted last year in the form of their Report. Their labors would be much lighter indeed, were they to content themselves with taking up these several pamphlets in order, and transferring copious extracts, with such running commentary as might suggest itself at the moment. The Report, however, even were the extracts to be strictly confined to such matters as might be considered of the most interest and importance, would, by this method, be swelled beyond all reasonable limits. If the prominent statistics of each Grand Lodge are given, it enables the brethren, with but little labor, to learn the comparative and aggregate condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdictions whose proceedings

are noticed in the Report. The action of our sister Grand Lodges upon the multifarious questions which are brought before them in reference to jurisdiction of neighboring Lodges of their own; to individual cases of discipline; to the construction of their own Constitutions, Rules, and Regulations; to points of order, and internal management and government of the Craft, seems hardly to call for notice, unless in special cases, which may involve some principle of importance, and may afford an example or warning or precedent for the Craft of this jurisdiction. Mere fault-finding or complaint, because of difference of opinion, is at best discourteous; the language of praise and commendation, if applied indiscriminately and lavishly, loses its force, and should be used sparingly. Many things present themselves in which a different course might have commended itself to the judgment of the Committee; other matters may have been well done; but to bring all subjects into a Report of Foreign Correspondence, for the mere sake of bestowing censure or praise, can, in the opinion of your Committee, tend to no advantage or profit. It is, perhaps, to be regretted that the duties and powers of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence are not more definitely marked out; or that some decided and determinate expression of the views and feelings of the Grand Lodge as to the nature and character or form of the Report to be presented by the Committee has not heretofore been made, beyond the usual resolution of approval and order to print, passed from year to year when the Reports have been presented. The By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Colorado require the Grand Master before the close of each annual communication, to appoint a Committee on Masonic Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to examine the correspondence and documents from other Grand Lodges, and report at each annual communication whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to demand its attention or action." The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut require the Grand Secretary to present a "brief abstract of proceedings of the several Grand Lodges." The duties of the Standing Committee on Masonic Corerspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois are, "to examine the correspondence and documents from other Grand Lodges, and report whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to demand its attention or action." The Grand Lodge of Kentucky requires her Committee on Foreign Correspondence to examine the communications received by the Grand Secretary from other Grand Lodges, &c., "and present to the Grand Lodge an annual exhibit of the condition of Free Masonry around the globe." The Grand Lodge of Nebraska provides, in her By-Laws, that the Committee on Foreign Communications shall examine the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, including all communications made by other Grand Lodges, " and report all matters found therein which affect the general or local welfare of the Craft, accompanied with such recommendations as they may consider expedient." The duty of the Committee on Foreign Communications of the Grand

Lodge of Ohio is, "to report all matters found in the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, including all communications made by other Grand Lodges which affect the general or local welfare of the Craft, accompanied with such recommendations as they may consider expedient." The Grand Lodge of Minnesota, in 1860, among other resolutions adopted in reference to "pretended decisions on Masonic law, as published in self-styled Masonic Journals," *Resolved*, "That the Reports of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence, being a courteous interchage of opinion on the action of sister jurisdictions, and bearing the authority of their respective Grand Lodges, is amply sufficient to correct error, should such have been committed." These extracts serve to show, that in reference to the reports on foreign correspondence, there is a wide range allowed, and that the powers and duties of the committees having the matter in charge in other jurisdictions are not very rigidly defined. The Committee submit the following statistical details, taken from the latest proceedings of the several Grand Lodges which have come under their notice. The labor of preparing these details is greatly increased by the total absence from some of the proceedings of any thing like an attempt to give even the most important statistics of the respective Grand Lodges, such as the number of members, &c.; and from the lack of method and arrangement in the statistics which are given by others. The Committee have arranged the statistics of the several Grand Lodges in alphabetical order.

Canada.—W. B. Simpson, M. W. Grand Master, Kingston; A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Montreal; Edmond J. Sisson, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Belleville; John Renshaw, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Montreal; Henry Groff, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Simcoe; Thomas Bird Harris, R. W. Grand Secretary, Hamilton.

Number of Lodges, 166.

Colorado.—H. M. Teller, M. W. Grand Master, Central City; A. J. Van Deren, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, O. B. Brown, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; J. H. Gest, R. W. Grand Junior Warden; L. W. Frary, R. W. Grand Treasurer; O. A. Whittemore, R. W. Grand Secretary, Denver.

Number of Lodges 6, including one working under dispensation; members, 349.

Connecticut.—David E. Bostwick, M. D., M. W. Grand Master, Litchfield; Nelson N. Barrett, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Collinsville; Ely S. Quintard, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, New Haven; William Storer, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, West Hartford; Benjamin Beecher, R. W. Grand Treasurer, New Haven; Lucius E. Hunt, R. W. Grand Secretary, Hartford.

Number of Lodges, 70; initiations, 1,056; rejected, 115; members, 7,834; suspensions 22; expulsions, 3.

Delaware.—Allan Voorhees Lesley, M. D., M. W. Grand Master, New Castle; William N. W. Dorsey, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Milford; Paynter Frame, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; Robert Morrison,

R. W. Grand Junior Warden; Benjamin N. Ogle, R. W. Grand Secretary, Delaware City; Myers C. Conwell, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Number of Lodges, 13; members, 580; expulsions, 3.

District of Columbia.—J. E. F. Holmead, M. W. Grand Master, Washington; R. B. Donaldson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; F. A. Jackson, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Joseph E. Rawlings, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; C. Cammack, Sr., R. W. Grand Treasurer; W. Morris Smith, R. W. Grand Secretary, Washington.

Number of Lodges, 15, including one working under dispensation; initiations, 514; members, 1,233; suspensions, 3; expulsions, 1.

France.—Maréchal Magnan, Most Illustrious Grand Master; Alfred Blanche, Illustrious 1st Deputy Grand Master; Albert Lenglé, Illustrious 2d Deputy Grand Master.

Illinois.—Thomas J. Turner, M. W. Grand Master, Freeport; Jerome R. Gorin, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Decatur; H. P. H. Bromwell, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Charleston; Edwin F. Babcock, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Summerfield; Harrison Dills, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Quincy; H. G. Reynolds, R. W. Grand Secretary, Springfield.

Number of Lodges 378, including two working under dispensation and four military Lodges; initiations, 2,679; rejected, 710; members, 16,180; suspensions, 165; expulsions, 55.

Indiana.—William Hacker, M. W. Grand Master, Shelbyville; Harvey G. Hazelrigg, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Lebanon; William J. Milliard, Jr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Millersville; George W. Porter, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, New Albany; Charles Fisher, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Indianapolis; Francis King, R. W. Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

Number of Lodges 305, including one working under dispensation; initiations, 1,866; members, 12,244; suspensions for non-payment of dues, 285; suspensions for other causes, 18; expulsions, 59.

Iowa.—Edward A. Guilbert, M. W. Grand Master, Dubuque; Wilber E. Robinson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Reuben Mickel, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Montezuma; J. B. Atherton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Knoxville; William E. Woodward, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Burlington; Theodore S. Parvin, R. W. Grand Secretary, Iowa City.

Number of Lodges 153, including one working under dispensation; initiations, 900; members, 5,416; suspensions for all causes, 97; expulsions, 13.

Kansas.—Jacob Saqui, M. W. Grand Master, Atchison; C. K. Holliday, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Topeka; O. W. McAllaster, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Lawrence; John A. Chase, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Atchison; Christian Beck, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Leavenworth; E. T. Carr, R. W. Grand Secretary, Fort Leavenworth.

Number of Lodges, 30; initiations, 226; rejected, 72; members, 896; suspensions, 24; expulsions, 3.

Kentucky.—Thomas Saddler, M. W. Grand Master, Paris; Isaac H. Caldwell, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Hopkinsville; J. D. Landrum, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Mayfield; M. J. Williams, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Napoleon; A. G. Hodges, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Frankford; J. M. S. McCorkle, R. W. Grand Secretary, Greensburg.

Number of Lodges 323, including three working under dispensation; initiations, 773; members, 8,994; suspensions for all causes, 333; expulsions, 17.

Louisiana.—J. Q. A. Fellows, M. W. Grand Master, New Orleans; A. G. Carter, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Port Hudson; B. G. Thibodaux, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Thibodaux; Samuel J. Powell, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, St. Francisville; Henry R. Swasey, R. W. Grand Treasurer, New Orleans; Samuel M. Todd, R. W. Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

Number of Lodges 110, including two working under dispensation.

Maine.—William P. Preble, M. W. Grand Master, Portland; Timothy J. Murray, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Portland; Francis J. Talbot, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, East Machias; John H. Lynde, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Bangor; Moses Dodge, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Portland; Ira Berry, R. W. Record'g Grand Secretary, Portland; Stephen J. Young, R. W. Corresp'g Grand Secretary, Brunswick.

Number of Lodges, 121; initiations, 1,995; rejected, 429; members, 7,247.

Maryland.—John Coates, M. W. Grand Master, Baltimore; W. L. W. Seabrook, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; William J. Wroth, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Andrew K. Stake, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Jacob H. Medairy, R. W. Grand Secretary, Baltimore; Frederick Fickey, Jr., R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Number of Lodges 40; initiations, 569; members, 2,735; dismissed for non-payment of dues, 56; suspensions, 2; expulsions, 5.

Massachusetts.—William Parkman, M. W. Grand Master, Boston; Charles C. Dame, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Newburyport; William S. Gardner, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Lowell; Benjamin Dean, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Boston; John McClellan, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Boston; Charles W. Moore, R. W. Record'g Grand Secretary, Boston; Charles L. Woodbury, R. W. Corresp'g Grand Secretary, Boston.

Number of Lodges, 124, including eleven army Lodges; initiations, 1,700; members, 10,000.

Michigan.—Lowell Moore, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Rapids; W. T. Mitchell, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Port Huron; A. T. Metcalf, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Kalamazoo; A. Partridge, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Birmingham; James Fenton, R. W. Grand Secretary, Detroit; R. W. Landon, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Niles.

Number of Lodges 145, including twelve working under dispensation; initiations, 2,035; rejected, 823; members, 8,772; suspensions for all causes, 104; expulsions, 20.

Minnesota.—A. T. C. Pierson, M. W. Grand Master, St. Paul; L. E. Thompson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; C. H. Lindsley, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; W. T. Rigby, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; E. Case, R. W. Grand Treasurer; George W. Prescott, R. W. Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

Number of Lodges 34, including six working under dispensation.

Mississippi.—Richard Cooper, M. W. Grand Master, Brandon; Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Vicksburg; George W. Perkins, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Horn Lake; Henry C. Robinson, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Scooba; Benjamin S. Tappen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Vicksburg; R. W. T. Daniel, R. W. Grand Secretary, Jackson.

Number of Lodges, including eight working under dispensation, 335; initiations 1,164; members, 8,955; suspensions, 356; expulsions, 23.

Missouri.—John F. Houston, M. W. Grand Master, Richmond; Rev. John D. Vincil, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Hannibal; Allen L. McGregor, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Vienna; Martin Collins, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, St. Louis; William N. Loker, R. W. Grand Treasurer, St. Louis; A. O. Sullivan, R. W. Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

Number of Lodges, 184; suspensions, 160; expulsions, 17.

Nebraska.—D. H. Wheeler, M. W. Grand Master, Plattsmouth; R. W. Furnas, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; George B. Graff, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Dakota; John A. Goodlett, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; William E. Harvey, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Stephen D. Bangs, R. W. Grand Secretary, Bellevue.

Number of Lodges 8, including one working under dispensation; members, 245. No statistics are given of the number of initiations, suspensions, &c.

New Hampshire.—J. Everett Sargent, M. W. Grand Master, Wentworth; John S. Kidder, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Manchester; John H. Rowell, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Franklin; Alexander M. Winn, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Farmington; John Knowlton, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Portsmouth; Horace Chase, R. W. Grand Secretary, Hopkinton.

Number of Lodges, 52; initiations, 692; members, 3,668.

New Jersey.—William Silas Whitehead, M. W. Grand Master, Newark; Holmes W. Murphy, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Freehold; Henry R. Cannon, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Plainfield; G. Musgrave Giger, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Princeton; Jonathan S. Fish, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Trenton; Joseph S. Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary, Trenton.

Number of Lodges 64, including one working under dispensation; members, 3,736; suspensions for all causes, 80; expulsions, 7.

New York.—Clinton F. Paige, M. W. Grand Master, Binghampton; Robert D. Holmes, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, New York; Stephen H. Johnson, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Schenectady; James Gibson,

R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Salem; Charles L. Church, R. W. Grand Treasurer, New York; James M. Austin, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary, New York.

Number of Lodges, 469; initiations for the year ending June 1, 1863, 5,188; members, 33,320; suspensions, 10; expulsions, 27; stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, 1,233.

Ohio.—Thomas Sparrow, M. W. Grand Master, Columbus; Howard Matthews, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Cincinnati; Octavius Waters, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Delta; Thomas Jeff. Larsh, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Eaton; Flavius J. Phillips, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Georgetown; John D. Caldwell, R. W. Grand Secretary, Cincinnati.

Number of Lodges, 343; initiations, 1,740; members, 15,500; suspensions for non-payment of dues, 469; suspensions for unmasonic conduct, 6; expulsions, 28.

Oregon.—John McCracken, M. W. Grand Master, Portland; A. A. Smith, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Eugene City; A. Van Dusen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Astoria; O. S. Savage, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Dalles; George A. Edes, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Salem; J. E. Hurford, R. W. Grand Secretary, Oregon City.

Number of Lodges, 25; initiations, 78; rejections, 31; members, 969; suspensions, 12; expulsions, 2; stricken from the roll, 20.

Texas.—George W. Van Vleck, M. W. Grand Master, Woodville; John R. Fretwell, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Lavacea; William P. Brittain, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Rusk; R. M. Elgin, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Austin; J. A. Lawrence, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Palestine; John N. Reed, R. W. Grand Secretary, Galveston.

No statistics of the number of Lodges, members, &c., are given.

Vermont.—Leverett B. Englesby, M. W. Grand Master, Burlington; George M. Hall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Swanton; Ranslure W. Clarke, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Brattleboro; Nathan P. Bowman, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Island Pond; William G. Shaw, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Burlington; Henry Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, Poultney.

Number of Lodges, 62; members, 4,019; suspensions for all causes, 34; expulsions, 5.

Washington Territory.—Thomas M. Reed, M. W. Grand Master, Olympia; P. J. Primrose, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Port Madison; E. A. Light, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Steilacoom; John Collins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Teekalet; James Biles, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Tum Water; Elwood Evans, R. W. Grand Secretary, Olympia.

Number of Lodges 11, including one working under dispensation; initiations, 35; rejected, 10; members, 281; suspensions, 9; expulsions, 3; stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, 7.

Wisconsin.—G. W. Washburn, M. W. Grand Master, Oshkosh; William H. Hiner, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Fond du Lac; Harlow Pease, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Watertown; D. L. Downs, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Richland Centre; Samuel S. Daggett, R. W.

Grand Treasurer, Milwaukee; W. T. Palmer, R. W. Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

Number of Lodges, 134, including seven working under dispensation; initiations, 912; rejected, 253; members, 5,726; suspensions for all causes, 85; expulsions, 3.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

So many and well-founded complaints have been made and repeated from year to year, of the irregularity of the receipt of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, and the fact presented in the last Report of this Committee, that but six Grand Lodges out of the whole number of twenty-three, whose proceedings were noticed in that Report, acknowledged the receipt of any communication from this Grand Lodge was so striking, that special attention has been given to this point during the past year. As soon as the abstract of proceedings for 1863 was printed, which was not until May of the present year, copies were sent by separate mails to the Grand Masters, the Grand Secretaries, and the Chairmen of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence respectively of twenty-seven Grand Lodges in the United States, and also of the Grand Lodge of Canada. By the same mails, also, the Committee sent a letter to each of these officers respectively, and had these copies of the proceedings and letters deposited in the Post Office by a special messenger, who made a memorandum of the time of mailing, and the addresses to which they were mailed. The following is a copy of one of these letters. The others were of similar tenor:

PHILADELPHIA, May 28, 1864.

To the M. W. Grand Master of ——

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—So much complaint has been made of the non-receipt of the printed proceedings of the various Grand Lodges throughout the United States, that it has been determined that special pains shall be taken to insure the receipt by each of our sister Grand Lodges of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1863, which have just been printed.

In addition, therefore, to such copies as our R. W. Grand Secretary may send, the undersigned sends by the same mail which carries this, to the M. W. Grand Master of each of our sister Grand Lodges, a copy of said proceedings. He will also send, by the next succeeding mail, a like copy to each Grand Secretary, together with a written communication similar to the present, advising him of such sending; and by the mail after that copies will likewise be sent, with like written communications, to the Chairmen of the respective Committees of Foreign Correspondence.

In this way, M. W. Sir and Brother, it is hoped that no sister Grand Lodge shall have reason to complain from any cause of the non-receipt of our proceedings for 1863.

Very truly and fraternally, yours,

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

Chairman Committee of For. Correspondence R. W. G. L. of Penna.

627 Walnut Street.

These proceedings were generally, for reasons which will be apparent from some subsequent statements, received too late to be acknowledged in the printed proceedings of the several Grand Lodges which have been received during the past year, and are noticed in this Report. But from the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of California, Canada, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, and Wisconsin; from the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of California, Canada, Delaware, Kentucky, Louisiana and Vermont; and from the Chairmen of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodges of Maine and Vermont, letters of acknowledgment have been received, expressing the gratification and thanks of these brethren for the efforts made to ensure a regular interchange of communications. The M. W. Grand Master of Canada has been kind enough to mention the efforts of the Committee in very flattering terms in his Annual Address. To all these brethren for the fraternal and cordial sentiments expressed, the Committee desire to return their thanks.

Several causes combine to interfere with entire regularity and uniformity in the receipt and acknowledgment of the printed proceedings interchanged between the several Grand Lodges. In addition to irregularities and failures in the mails, which affect particularly the more remote jurisdictions, but which, from what experience the Committee have had during the past year, they are led to believe, are really very few in number; it must be remembered that in many cases it is difficult, if not impossible, to know the correct address of the Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and Chairmen of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence, to each of whom at least a copy of the proceedings should be sent to insure any thing like certainty of their being received. If one or more copies are sent to the Grand Secretaries only, as is the general practice, delays and failures occur in the transmission to the Chairmen of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence. The respective Grand Masters ought to receive directly from the sister Grand Lodges copies of their proceedings, not only as a compliment and Masonic courtesy, but because it is important that the chief officer in each Grand Lodge should have every facility for making himself thoroughly acquainted with the condition of Masonry in other jurisdictions, which he cannot well do unless he has a copy of their proceedings for his own special use and perusal at his leisure. The Grand Secretaries should each have a copy for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to be preserved in its archives. The Grand

Masters and Chairmen of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence frequently reside at a great distance from the Masonic centres of their respective jurisdictions and from the Grand Secretaries' offices; and too often get no other opportunity of examining the proceedings of other Grand Lodges than what may be afforded during the Annual Communications, when other matters press upon their attention and occupy their time.

It must be mentioned, also, that there is no regularity in the times of issuing the printed proceedings. Not unfrequently the printing is postponed on account of some delay in the preparation of the report on foreign correspondence, when it is not presented at the Annual Communication, but left to be added to the proceedings without first coming before the Grand Lodge. Generally the proceedings are printed as soon after the Annual Communications as can be conveniently done. But the Annual Communications are held at different times in different jurisdictions. Leaving out the States in rebellion against the Government of the United States, the proceedings of none of whose Grand Lodges have been received since those for 1860, (except Mississippi and Texas for 1861,) the Committee find that the Annual Communications of the several Grand Lodges are held as follows, viz., Michigan, New Jersey and Vermont, in January; Louisiana, in February; Connecticut, Indiana, Maine and Missouri, in May; Delaware, Iowa, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, in June; Canada in July; California, (formerly in May,) Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Ohio in October; Colorado, District of Columbia and Maryland, in November; and Massachusetts, Washington Territory, and our own Grand Lodge, in December. It can readily be seen what want of uniformity in respect to the years, proceedings for which are acknowledged and noticed in the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, must arise from this cause. The Committee, in the hopes that they might include in the present report at least an acknowledgment, if not a more extended notice, of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges of which no mention has been made in recent preceding Reports on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, made a careful examination of these Reports from 1855 to the present time, and prepared a tabular statement, from which the following facts were ascertained. From Mississippi and Texas no proceedings have been received since 1861; from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, none since 1860, and from South Carolina, none since 1859; the reason in these cases is obvious. For the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Texas for 1861, we are indebted to the courtesy of Brother Samuel M. Todd, R. W. Grand Secretary of Louisiana, who kindly furnished them from his duplicates at the request of the Committee. Sundry omissions were discovered in respect to other Grand Lodges; and the Committee addressed letters to the respective Grand Secretaries, stating the deficiencies and requesting that copies of the omitted proceedings might be forwarded; to these requests a prompt

response has, in most instances, been made. The result of the investigation and effort of the Committee is as follows:

The proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, including those mentioned in the present Report, have been received and acknowledged as follows:—Canada, (the year 1858 only excepted,) Iowa and Maine, from 1856 to 1864, both inclusive; New Hampshire, (the year 1857 only excepted,) Delaware, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Rhode Island, from 1856 to 1863, both inclusive; Indiana, (the year 1859 only excepted,) Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Vermont and Wisconsin, from 1857 to 1864, both inclusive; California, District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio, from 1857 to 1863, both inclusive; Oregon, from 1857 to 1864, both inclusive, (the years 1860 and 1863 excepted); Colorado, for 1861, 1862 and 1863, the three first years of the existence of this Grand Lodge; Connecticut, from 1859 to 1864, both inclusive; Minnesota, from 1858 to 1863, both inclusive, (the years 1861 and 1862 excepted); Nebraska, from 1858 to 1863, both inclusive, (except the year 1861); and Washington Territory, from 1859 to 1863, both inclusive, (except the year 1861). A large correspondence has been necessary to obtain this result. Of the twenty-seven Grand Lodges whose latest proceedings are noticed in the present report, three, to wit, Delaware, France and Massachusetts, take no notice of the printed proceedings of other Grand Lodges. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Indiana reported verbally that no documents had come into their possession during the session, and that consequently, they had no written report to make; but the Grand Master, in his Address, acknowledges the receipt among others, of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1862. The Committee on Foreign Communications of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were given further time to report, and it does not appear what proceedings were received. The Report on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Iowa acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Lodges, but does not give a list of them, and Pennsylvania is not mentioned in the Report, though from the number received it may be presumed that our proceedings were among them. It is due to the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to mention, that their Report is not a review of the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges from whom communications have been received, but is arranged according to subjects; and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is not the only one whose transactions presented no feature which the Committee thought necessary to mention in connection with the subjects treated. Eight Grand Lodges, viz.: Colorado, District of Columbia, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon and Vermont, whose Reports of Foreign Correspondence contain more or less extended notices of such proceedings as they have received, have failed to receive any proceedings from Pennsylvania. Thirteen Grand Lodges—more than double the number reported last year—acknowledge the receipt of communications from

this Grand Lodge, viz.: Canada, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Washington Territory and Wisconsin. The fraternal notice of the Grand Master of Canada has already been mentioned. The Report on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut contains copious extracts from the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1862, speaks in warm terms of commendation of "the noble acts of charity" which appear in the reports of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, and of the Almoners. It refers to the suggestion made that the several Grand Lodges adopt a uniform time and a uniform mode of publishing and transmitting to each other their proceedings, and expresses the "hope that all the Grand Lodges might adopt it, or propose and carry out some other efficient mode by which the object sought can be attained." The Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois mention approvingly the Report made by Brother Vaux on Foreign Correspondence for 1862, and give selections from the expressions of regret therein contained at the cessation of intercourse with the Grand Lodges of the Southern States. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, after quoting the language of the Address of the Grand Master, (Brother Thomson,) for 1861, in reference to granting dispensations to enter, pass and raise, characterize it as indicating "a true conservative course, and for the good of the institution." "The Report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Brother Richard Vaux, is the most courteous, able and truly Masonic document," say the Committee, "which we have perused for a long time. We wish we could transfer it entire, so that it could be read by every Mason in this jurisdiction. His arguments are so plain and conclusive, and withal so in accordance with Masonic sentiment here, that we could not do them a greater pleasure; but its length forbids." The Report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Oregon quotes, in addition to other matters, the same sentiments from the Report of Brother Vaux for 1862, which were selected by the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and speaks of the reply of Brother Vaux to the circular calling a Convention at New York in September, 1862, as "eloquent and fraternal." The Addresses of the retiring and incoming Grand Master are commended. The number of Grand Chaplains appointed is mentioned in italics, probably owing to its being very large in comparison with the practice in other Grand Lodges, the great majority of whom have but one Grand Chaplain. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland mention their gratification, "that honorable mention has been made of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by the Committees of other Grand Lodges," and add their own expressions of commendation, with extracts from the Report of Brother Vaux. The Report of the Grand Lodge of Michigan gives the statistical details of this Grand Lodge, with a brief extract in reference to "Regimental or Army Lodges," from the Re-

port of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, but without any comment. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, though acknowledging the receipt and examination of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge among others, omit any notice thereof. As the proceedings of all the other Grand Lodges which are acknowledged to have been received, are noticed at greater or less length, this omission is probably accidental. The report on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire gives a statistical table of the several Grand Lodges whose proceedings have been received, our own (for 1863) among the number, and then treats the following subjects, to wit: "Uniformity of Work," "Conservatism and Conservators' Work," "Suspension for non-payment of Dues," "On Balloting," "Powers of W. Master," and "Affiliation." The proceedings of our Grand Lodge are not noticed in the remarks of the Committee on any of these topics. The report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey contains a very condensed abstract from our proceedings, without comment. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York say, "Pennsylvania deserves honorable commendation among the Grand Lodges of the World for its noble and well managed funds for charity and benevolence;" and mention the special favor enjoyed by her being made "trustee of the munificent bounty of a brother." The Report of Brother Vaux is highly spoken of, as well as the retiring and salutatory Addresses of Grand Masters Thomson and Skerrett respectively. The Report of the Committee of Washington Territory gives an abstract of our proceedings, with a few short quotations, with approving notices of the Report on Foreign Correspondence. The Committee, in stating that "M. W. Lucius H. Scott was elected Grand Master," and "delivered a brief but pertinent address," have unintentionally been led into an error, which is of the less consequence, as the statement but anticipates by a year the actual facts. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin notice the amounts distributed by the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund and by the Almoners, and the declination of this Grand Lodge to participate in the doings of the North American Congress, or to countenance in any manner such an assemblage. It may possibly be objected that it appears but an indirect method of self-laudation for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through her Committee of Foreign Correspondence, thus to set forth the notices with which her proceedings have been favored. But it is necessary for the information of the Lodges and brethren under her jurisdiction, that they may know the feelings with which their Masonic head is regarded by her sister Grand Lodges. This is the sole object in view, and it can be effected in no other way.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GRAND LODGES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Your Committee renew the regrets expressed in their Report of last year, in reference to the very limited interchange of communications between the several Grand Lodges of the United States and Grand Lodges in foreign countries.

The Grand Lodge of New York still remains the only Grand Lodge in the United States having any extended correspondence with Grand Lodges abroad. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada even, seem to be received and acknowledged by but comparatively few of our sister Grand Lodges. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York contains acknowledgments and notices of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Canada, England, France, Saxony, Hanover, Prussia, (Royal York, at Berlin,) Grand National Mother Lodge, (Three Globes, at Berlin,) Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht," (Concordia,) at Darmstadt, Switzerland "Alpina," Hamburg and Germany. Your Committee, upon their appointment at the commencement of the Masonic year which has just closed, endeavored to mature a plan, by which an interchange of fraternal communications between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and some at least, if not all the Grand Lodges beyond the limits of the United States, should be inaugurated. The labors of the Committee were, even in their former limited scope, sufficiently arduous, but they were not unwilling to add to them, if thereby the interests of our Grand Lodge and the good of the Order might in any degree be subserved. Circumstances have prevented the accomplishment of as much as was desired; but a beginning has at least been made, and the hope is expressed that this beginning may be followed up by successive Committees of Foreign Correspondence, until the end sought for is fully attained.

The Chairman of your Committee was in hopes of visiting New York at an early day and having a personal conference with some of the brethren of that jurisdiction upon the subject. It was not until early in the fall, however, that while temporarily in New York, he was able to see Brother C. F. Bauer, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of that jurisdiction "for Lodges working in foreign languages in the First, Second, and Third Districts," comprising the city of New York and the couties upon Long Island, to whom he was referred by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother James M. Austin, M. D., as best fitted to give the desired information. Brother Bauer was most kind and fraternal in his reception, and heartily appreciated and agreed with the views expressed on behalf of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania upon the subject under consideration. Pressing engagements and an imperative necessity for a return to this city prevented as full a conference with Brother Bauer as was intended;

but some valuable information and suggestions were obtained, which have been of material assistance to your Committee, and for which they desire to express their thanks to that R. W. Brother, and it is hoped that this Grand Lodge may still further enjoy the benefit of his great experience and extended Masonic acquisitions. As early as practicable after the return of the Chairman to Philadelphia, the Committee resolved that a beginning should be made as a foundation for a more intimate and regular interchange of communications between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges abroad. Accordingly, on the 25th of October, the Chairman of your Committee addressed letters to the R. W. William Gray Clarke, London, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England; and to the R. W. John Elliott Hyndman, Dublin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; on the 28th of the same month to the R. W. William A. Lawrie, at Edinburgh, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and on the 4th of November to R. W. Adolph Perriere, at Paris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France. These letters were similar in character, expressing regret at the very infrequent and irregular interchange of the printed proceedings, and with expressions of the cordial and fraternal feelings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania towards the brethren of the Craft throughout the globe, and inviting the respective Grand Secretaries to forward to your Committee as early as practicable such of the printed proceedings and documents of their Grand Lodges as they conveniently might. By the same mails were sent copies of the Abstract of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1863. The time has been exceedingly short, and no response has been yet received except from France, to the R. W. Grand Secretary of which Grand Jurisdiction the Committee are, without doubt, indebted for the numbers of the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, which are hereinbefore acknowledged. To the R. W. Brother Perriere the Committee desire to convey their appreciation of the kind and prompt manner in which their request has been responded to, and they hope that the fraternal communication between the Grand Orient of France and this Grand Lodge may be henceforth regular and uninterrupted. No written communication has been received from either of the Grand Secretaries addressed. From the hasty inspection which your Committee have been able to make of the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, they are satisfied that it contains many matters of extreme interest to the Craft, and they exceedingly regret that the very limited time they have had for its consideration prevents them from giving in this Report, as they would be glad to do, copious extracts which they are convinced would well repay perusal. It is the intention, however, of the Committee to hand over these documents to their successors to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, in the hope that responses may before long be received also from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, and that from the material thus afforded, the new Committee may be able and will consider it ex-

pedient to present a special report on the correspondence of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges in foreign countries; and that the beginning thus made by your Committee may be followed up with the approval and encouragement of the Grand Lodge, until we shall be in fraternal communication with all legitimate Grand Bodies throughout the world.

GENERAL SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE SEVERAL GRAND LODGES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Your Committee feel that this whole subject is of great importance, and deserves the most careful consideration on the part not only of this Grand Lodge, but of all Grand Lodges. Although comparatively recent in the history of Masonry, it cannot justly be styled an innovation in any harmful sense of the word. It neither infringes nor abrogates any ancient landmark, usage or custom of the Order. Grand Lodges themselves have grown up into their present organized form from the necessities of the case. They are for the supervision and regulation of the affairs and concerns of the Craft throughout certain defined geographical, territorial limits, to which their jurisdictions are confined, except that where and so long as there is no organized Grand Lodge in any geographical division of territory, there and so long any Grand Lodge has the right to establish subordinate Lodges and exercise control over them. That there should be some intercommunication between these Grand Masonic bodies seems desirable on many grounds; and with proper care and watchfulness, it is believed that there need be no danger of such intercommunication leading to Masonic Congresses, either National or General—things which this Grand Lodge has inflexibly set her face against as of dangerous tendencies. Nay, the more general and perfect this intercommunication can be made, the less pretence or reason will exist for any such proposed Congresses. The fact which affords the strongest argument against them is, that their decisions or acts could be of no binding force; the only end, besides the interchange of fraternal salutations, opinions and courtesies, which they could accomplish, therefore, would be the dissemination of a knowledge of the condition and prospects of Masonry throughout the world, among the respective jurisdictions. These ends can, it is believed, be accomplished much more effectually by means of a judicious and well-conducted correspondence and the regular interchange of the printed proceedings. To secure these may require some time, patience, and trouble, but your Committee believe that persistent and systematized effort will accomplish what is desired.

THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

This Grand Lodge, it is believed, has no appointed representatives near any of the Grand Lodges with which she is on friendly terms. Three Grand Lodges have appointed representatives near this Grand

Lodge, viz.: the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, Brother Richard Vaux; the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, Brother Richard Vaux; and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, Brother William H. Adams. Your Committee earnestly commend this subject to the attention of the Grand Lodge as having an important bearing on the topic just treated. Perhaps the term "representative," though the best probably that could be chosen, conveys more than is really meant when used in this connection. As the system of Grand Representatives is understood by your Committee, it involves nothing more than the appointment by one Grand Lodge of some brother a member of the Grand Lodge near which he is appointed as a representative, who shall take a special interest in the Grand Lodge which he is appointed to represent—make himself familiar with the history, progress, and condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge—present her fraternal regards—and should any question arise touching her actions, be prepared to afford such explanations as may be needed. These Representatives have no power to bind or commit their Grand Lodges. But they afford a more direct and certain means of communication, having but a few, and in most cases, but one Grand Lodge specially to direct their attention to, than can possibly be the case where the entire labor in reference to interchange of communications between all the Grand Lodges is devolved upon the Grand Secretaries and Committees of Foreign Correspondence. Through these representatives, irregularities in correspondence could be more directly and thoroughly inquired into and corrected; and the general introduction of the system would, your Committee are led to believe, be greatly productive of harmony and more intimate fraternal relations between the brethren under the whole canopy of heaven.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARIES.

While the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never encouraged Masonic publications, and has uniformly refused her sanction to Masonic Magazines, Reviews, Newspapers, and Monitors, yet there is a distinctive Masonic literature which is increasing in amount yearly, and the existence of no part of which can be wholly ignored, and some of which is necessarily recognized as legitimate and proper. The printed proceedings of the several Grand Lodges of themselves make no inconsiderable number of volumes. There are a very large number of pamphlets in the possession of the Grand Lodge, being the proceedings of various sister Grand Lodges for a long series of years; and many of these pamphlets are valuable on account of their rarity. Some of the Grand Lodges have Libraries for the use of the members, in which are preserved regular series of the proceedings of their own and other Grand Lodges, with such Masonic publications as may be useful for reference. In this way the Grand Officers are always sure of having ready access to a large

collection of authorities upon any question which may arise. Without saying any thing in reference to the question of the value of these authorities upon matters of Masonic jurisprudence and the like, it is often of great importance to settle a point of Masonic history, for which purpose alone such a collection would be invaluable. The Grand Orient of France have lately purchased a very large and valuable collection of Masonic works made by Brother Cassaigne, recently deceased, the acquisitions of a lifetime, and which, added to those already in their possession, gives the Grand Orient a Library of more than two thousand volumes. Some of these are not Masonic works. The Library was opened for the use of the brethren on the 17th of October last. Your Committee mention this not by way of precedent for this Grand Lodge, but merely as a fact of interest. It is, however, recommended that the Grand Lodge take such measures as may be necessary for having the pamphlets already in her possession arranged for binding; the deficiencies in any series supplied, and the whole bound in suitable style and placed in proper cases and catalogued, so as to be readily consulted and referred to. It may be found expedient to add from time to time copies of such Masonic publications as will be of value for reference. Copies of our own Ahiman Rezon, and printed proceedings, and of all the printed By-Laws of the subordinate Lodges, should also be preserved in the Library. It is believed that after the first expenditures for arranging, binding, &c., the printed matter already in the possession of the Grand Lodge, a comparatively small annual sum will suffice to keep up and add to the Library. The subject is respectfully commended to the Grand Lodge and to the attention of the new Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in the hope that some matured and detailed plan, based on these suggestions, may, at no very distant day, be presented for definite action.

REPRINT OF THE EARLIER PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Your Committee have noticed in their examination, that many of our sister Grand Lodges have had the proceedings of their earlier years reprinted, the limited editions originally printed having become exhausted, and copies not easily to be got. These reprints are gratuitously distributed within certain appropriate limits, and the balance of the copies are kept in the Library of the Grand Lodge, or in the custody of the Grand Secretary for sale to the brethren at a merely remunerative sum, and for future exchanges. Your Committee deem this a topic worthy of consideration by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Her earlier proceedings are comparatively unknown. The brethren who are fortunate enough to possess copies of such of them as were printed, carefully preserve them on account of the valuable records they contain of periods of special interest in the history of the Grand Lodge. But few of

the brethren who have been initiated within the last ten or fifteen years, it is believed, are familiar with the interesting proceedings upon the occasion of the funeral of our Brother Stephen Girard, the eventful period of the Anti-Masonic excitement, or the removal from the old Hall, which stood on the present site on Chestnut street, to the Hall in Third street; and the proceedings when the death of Brother General La Fayette was announced to the Grand Lodge; to say nothing of the important financial details and other matters, the knowledge of which could not, in the opinion of your Committee, fail to be for the advantage and instruction of the Craft. The still earlier proceedings of the Grand Lodge are almost wholly unknown, except through the dim medium of tradition. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that such measures be adopted as will secure a reprint of at least the more important portions of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from the earliest period of its history, together with such other authentic facts as may have relation thereto.

MASONIC HISTORY.

Closely connected with the last topic treated is that which relates to the history of the Subordinate Lodges, and the Craft generally throughout this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Maine have a Committee on the History of Masonry in that State; and the several subordinate Lodges have been required to write out and send in to that Committee their histories; and from this material, with such as the archives and records of the Grand Lodge afford, the Committee have in progress a complete history of all that concerns the Craft in that jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at its Annual Communication in 1863, appointed a Committee "to collect and collate the points of historic interest connected with the rise and progress of Free Masonry" in that State. This Committee entered at once upon their labors, and issued a Circular to all the subordinate Lodges in the State, with a carefully prepared list of questions annexed, to which answers were required. Replies were received from a large number of Lodges, and the Committee seemed to have pursued their labors with a zeal and system which afford a valuable example and a fitting precedent for all similar Committees. A correspondence on the subject was entered into with the M. W. Grand Lodge of England, with a view of obtaining such material as might be afforded by the archives and records of that Grand Lodge. As intimately connected with the history of Masonry in Pennsylvania, your Committee think no apology is needed for introducing at length a copy of a most valuable document, which the zeal and industry of the Historical Committee of New Jersey were instrumental in obtaining.

COPY OF THE DEPUTATION TO DANIEL COX, ESQ., TO BE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF THE PROVINCES OF NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND PENSILVANIA, IN AMERICA.

Sic Subscribitur.

[L. S.]

" NORFOLK, G. M.

" *To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving Brethren, now residing or who may hereafter reside in the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, Earl of Arundel, Surrey, Norfolk and Norwich, Baron Mowbray, Howard Segrave, Brewse of Gower, Fitz Allan, Warren, Clan Oswald, estre Maltravers, Greystock, Furnival Verdon Lovelot, Strange of Blackmere, and Howard of Castle Rising, after the Princes of the Royal Blood, first Duke, Earl, and Baron of England, Chief of the illustrious family of the Howards, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England, sendeth Greeting:*

"WHEREAS, application has been made unto us by our Rt. Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, Esqr., and by several other Brethren, free and accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania, that we would be pleased to nominate and appoint a Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces; Now, know ye, that we have nominated, ordained, constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, ordain, constitute and appoint, our Right Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, the said Daniel Cox, Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, with full Power and Authority to nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the space of two years from the feast of St. John the Baptist now next ensuing, after which time it is our Will and Pleasure, and we do hereby ordain that the Brethren who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside in all or any of the said Provinces, shall and they are hereby empowered every other year on the feast of St. John the Baptist, to elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the power of nominating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens. And we do hereby empower our said Provincial Grand Master, and the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being, for us and in our place and stead, to constitute the Brethren (free and accepted Masons) now residing, or who shall hereafter reside in those parts, into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, and as often as occasion shall require. He, the said Daniel Cox, and the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, for the time being, taking special care that all and every member of any Lodge or Lodges so to be constituted have been or shall be made regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, except so far as they have been al-

tered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Meetings, to be kept and observed, and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to him or them by us, or Nath'l Blackersly, Esqr., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being; and that he, the said Daniel Cox, our Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces, and the Provincial Grand Master for the time being, or his Deputy, do send to us or our Deputy Grand Master, and to the Grand Master of England, or his Deputy for the time being, annually, an account in writing of the number of Lodges so constituted, with the names of the several members of each particular Lodge, together with such other matters and things as he or they shall think fit to be communicated for the prosperity of the Craft. And lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master, and the Grand Master for the time being or his Deputy, do annually cause the Brethren to keep the feast of St. John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, or (in case any accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as the Provincial Grand Master for the time being shall judge most fit, as is done here; and at that time more particularly, and at all Quarterly Communications he do recommend a General Charity to be established for the Relief of poor Brethren of the said Provinces.

"Given under our hand and seal of office at London, this fifth day of June, 1730, and of Masonry, 5730."

It is not in the view or intention of your Committee to suggest that this Grand Lodge, in the prosecution or attainment of either of the objects above commended to its attention, should act hastily or enter upon any arrangements requiring great expense. But they have felt impelled to dwell upon these topics at some length, with a view of bringing them prominently to the notice of the Grand Lodge, in the hope that the subjects may be further pursued by the new Committee of Foreign Correspondence; and that some well-digested and systematized plan may be devised and recommended, which may meet the approval of the Grand Lodge, and be steadily pursued and persevered in through successive years; believing that in this way most valuable results may be gradually obtained with the expenditure of but comparatively a small amount of money; and that the Grand Lodge will never have occasion to regret whatever outlay of time, trouble, or expense may be necessary.

CONSERVATORS' ASSOCIATION.

The "scheme" proposed by this Association, the details of which were given in the Report of your Committee for 1863, seems to meet with the just condemnation which its dangerous and grossly unmasonic character entitle it to.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

This matter has been the subject of much consideration and anxiety with many of our sister Grand Lodges. It has been brought especially into notice by the proceedings of the "Conservators," one of whose principal avowed objects has been to secure a uniform work, according to what they are pleased to call the "Web-Preston" system. The result has been, in general, a condemnation of the means employed by the "Conservators," whatever might be the opinion as to the merits of the "work" which they seek to propagate; and an adherence by each Grand Lodge to the "work" as taught by its own authority, and the adoption of stringent measures to secure an uniform system of work throughout their own respective jurisdictions; with strong denunciaton against outside lecturers, and itinerant professors of the secret art, whose main object would seem to be the sale of books unauthorized and unsanctioned.

ARMY OR MILITARY LODGES.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has just reason to congratulate herself on the conservative course which she has adopted in reference to this subject. It has already caused no little trouble; and aside from the perplexing and exciting questions of conflict of jurisdiction to which it has given rise, not a few complaints have been made in reference to the effect and operation of these Military Lodges upon the harmony and prosperity of the Craft in the jurisdictions from which they derive their authority. Many plausible reasons may be advanced in favor of granting warrants for Army Lodges; but as practically developed by the experience of such Grand Lodges as have sanctioned their introduction, the evils arising from the very necessity of the case have become glaringly manifest. Such Lodges are but too evidently not adapted to the present constitution of the armies of the United States. They are adopted from the practice of the Grand Lodges of Great Britain. But the British Army Lodges are constituted in the regiments of their regular army, whose existence is perpetuated through long series of years, and which are generally kept together as regiments. The few regiments of the regular army of the United States were at least prior to the present rebellion and war, generally divided into small fractions, separated at widely different posts. Nor so far as your Committeee have examined, has any attempt been made or desire expressed for the establishment of Regimental Lodges in the regular service. The volunteer regiments sent into the field from the several States, often dwindle down to a very small numerical force, and not unfrequently disappear altogether as distinct regimental organizations. The armies of the United States are engaged in active service, whose exigencies must entirely preclude the regular and secure performance of Masonic labors; and it is well that the

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has kept herself free from the difficulties, embarrassments, and entanglements which the issuing of warrants for Army Lodges could not but have led to.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

It affords no little gratification to your Committee to be able to say, from the review they have given of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, that the principles and teachings of our Order have not failed in general to exert a most healthful and powerful influence. Exceptional cases, it is true, can be stated; and especially, in the first rush to arms, men blinded by passion suffered the evil instincts of their natures, in too many cases, to override all considerations of humanity, and outstrip every barrier which separated them from the cruel and remorseless fury of the wild beast. But it must be remembered, that instances of such conduct are more likely to attract attention, and create a deeper impression, than acts of kindness and humanity, or the gentle but wide-prevailing and powerful influence of restraint, where no positive act presents itself. The existence of this restraining influence has been impressed upon the minds of your Committee from the general spirit which pervades the orations, addresses, reports, correspondence, and resolves of the various Grand Bodies. There are instances too, recorded, not very numerous, yet so infrequent as to be rare or exceptional, occurring in different and widely separated places, or in reference to those whose Masonic life and training has been in different localities, which afford more positive and pointed evidences of the benign influences of that Charity,—that Love,—that beneficence of heart and hand, which it has ever been the glory of Masonry to inculcate, and which is the legitimate outflow of the spirit and teachings of our Order. The Grand Master of Indiana, in his Annual Address, states the fact that Brother W. H. H. Day, a lieutenant in one of the regiments from that State had, while in the army, obtained the Charter and jewels of Eastport Lodge, No. 94, Mississippi; that the jewels had been purchased by Brother Day from soldiers into whose possession they had fallen; and that they had been handed over with the Charter to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in order that at the proper time they could be safely returned to the Lodge to which they belonged. After recommending that the Grand Lodge take such action as may be necessary to secure the return of the Charter and Jewels, the M. W. Grand Master adds:—

"I am the more solicitous about this matter, from the fact that being personally acquainted with many of the Craft of that State, (Mississippi,) I feel assured that were the case ours, no sacrifice on their part would prevent them from making prompt return to us.

"As Masons, we can make no reprisals. We are, therefore, bound, at any and all sacrifices, to restore to our brethren whatever of theirs the casualties of war may place in our hands."

The Grand Lodge adopted resolutions receiving the jewels and

Charter "as a sacred trust," and providing for their return to Eastport Lodge as soon as possible. It is worthy of remark in this connection, that the same Grand Lodge, at the Annual Communication in May, 1864, appropriated $1,000 to the Sanitary Commission of the State, "to be applied to the relief of the soldiers in the army of the United States." Nor does the exercise of Masonic charity and the cultivation of that spirit of brotherly love, which is its necessary accompaniment, interfere with the full and free and thorough discharge of the duties of the individual Mason to his country. The records of all the Grand Lodges of the States not in rebellion against the Government, show how many have willingly and bravely exposed themselves to wounds and death and all the perils of the service for their country's sake. The M. W. Grand Master of Iowa, himself about to take the field, grows eloquent as the thought presses itself upon his mind of the material conflict and high duty upon which he is about to engage. At the Annual Communication in June, 1864, Grand Master Guilbert thus addresses the Grand Lodge:—

"A Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, other Past Grand Officers, scores of Masters of Lodges, and companies of brethren, have already entered the service, and have dealt stalwart blows

——— "'for their altars and their fires,
For the green graves of their sires,
God, and their native land.'

"Many of them, peace to their ashes, 'sleep their last sleep' in the trenches of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, on the plains of Louisiana and Arkansas, and by the still, clear waters of the far Tennessee. Many have returned to us maimed, but ennobled.

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"Let the heroes be honored as they deserve to be. Let us salute them with a reverence we would not vouchsafe a mere king, for they are ours, and the Nation's pride and boast. And now another call has come, and impelled by the sense of duty which rises above and subordinates every selfish business instinct, your Grand Master and his accomplished Senior Grand Warden go with the large numbers of the Craft who have left their plows in the furrows, have closed their shops, have stopped the wheels of mechanical endeavor, and rushed to the various places of rendezvous to swell the noble army of martyrs,' which will soon be in the field, prepared to emulate the fraters who have done and dared for their country; prepared, also, if need be, to yield up their lives for the success and perpetuation of the noblest Government the world has ever seen."

The M. W. Grand Master of Kentucky, in his Annual Address, October, 1863, thus feelingly alludes to the difficulties and duties which meet the Craft in that jurisdiction:—

"The condition of Masonry within this State, like all things else, has suffered serious injury from the prevailing civil disorders. It is lamentably true that the harmony, good-feeling, and brotherly love among our Order, so essential to its prosperity, and so funda-

mental in its teachings, have, in many Lodges, been greatly impaired, if not entirely destroyed. In view of the legitimate effects of the civil and causeless rebellion that afflicts the country, of the loosening of legal restraints, and the riot of uncurbed passions, this result was to be expected. It is, nevertheless, more incumbent, if possible, upon all good Masons, to thoroughly imbue themselves with the *true spirit* of our peace-teaching Order—with that liberal benevolence and diffusive charity that distinguishes and recommends ours as a system of active charity. And when thus imbued, we should show it forth in our walk, and conversation, and acts, to the end of promoting harmony and building up our Order again to its former high and happy condition."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana contains the following extract from a Report made in December, 1861, by Brother John Dove, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Virginia:—

"A few communications have been received from Grand Masters, bearing on the distracted political condition of our suffering country, but on these we forbear to comment, and would earnestly deprecate any concerted movement on the part of the Masonic fraternity, as such, to interfere in any shape with the discordant political questions now agitating the public mind. With these our glorious old institution has nothing to do; its mission is 'peace on earth and good will to mankind,' and when, by the relentless force of patriotic duty it becomes necessary for the Mason to assume the character of soldier, he should never be unmindful of the Divine attributes with which his word is emblazoned—Faith, Hope and Charity! Thus, with a well-grounded Faith in the justice of his cause, with firmness of purpose he grasps its hilt, and wielding its blade in confident hope of successful victory, he may restrain its point in Charity, and show Mercy to a prostrate foe."

The M. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, Brother Isaac Van Wagoner, thus addresses his Grand Lodge:—

"May a grateful people ever remember those who have thus fought and died, ever minister to the wants of those who have thus been injured; and, while they live, cherish and esteem those who have survived the horrors and carnage of the battle-field.

"Yet, during this unnatural contest—one where brother has met with brother, friend has met with friend in the deadly conflict, where the fiercest and most ungovernable passions of the human heart have been excited and brought into action—numerous instances are on record of the benignant influences that the teachings of Masonry have produced on the minds of its votaries. The heart-stirring revulsion of bitter and deadly feeling, caused by the utterance of the talismanic words, 'I am a Mason,' has saved many a gallant brother's life, relieved his sufferings when wounded, ministered to his wants when needed, and alleviated the miseries of his captivity. Thus, under the most adverse and unpropitious circum-

stances, the guardian angel of Masonry watches over, guards and protects those who have been duly initiated into and become Masters of the sublime mysteries of 'the fraternity.'"

The Committee desire to call special attention to the last sentence of the above quotation. It is not those who have merely been duly initiated into, but those who have "*become masters of* the sublime mysteries." What an emphatic warning do these words convey in reference to the wholesale and sudden initiations which, in some jurisdictions, have prevailed under dispensations on the ground of emergency—the emergency being the entrance of the applicant into the army! How useless—nay more than useless—how dangerous the slight, superficial, and imperfect knowledge of the mysteries which must necessarily be possessed by those thus hurriedly made—shall it not be said manufactured?—Masons, will prove in the hour of trial! Instead of fraternal confidence being excited, suspicion of imposture is more likely to be aroused, and the very means relied on for safety and protection, prove worse than valueless,—a derision and a snare.

The M. W. Grand Master of New York bears equally strong testimony to the beneficent effects of the principles of our Order—

"Truly, the record of the year is written in blood; yet, above the din of battle, and the wail of the dying, from the prison and hospital the 'still small voice' of Masonry is heard attesting the truth and power of Masonic love. The baser passions, inflamed by deadly strife, have vanished at the remembrance of former vows, and the firm grasp of the uplifted steel given place to the warm grip of brotherly love. Thousands of our brethren, who have been participants in these tragic scenes, bear testimony to many beautiful exemplifications of the noble tenets of our profession, and recount with pride and satisfaction many practical illustrations of the nature and spirit of our teachings; that though civil strife may sever National, political, and religious ties and associations, yet the *mystic tie* unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, in one common bond of allegiance, which death alone can sever."

The M. W. Grand Master of Oregon, Brother Thomas M. Reed, in his Annual Address, thus speaks of the National conflict:—

"Our Nation is still struggling under the scourge and devastations of a terrible civil war, though we on the Pacific slope are comparatively free from its horrors. * * * Still we are not without feelings of deep interest for the great principles involved in this terrible contest; and, however much we deplore its sad calamities, and earnestly hope that permanent peace and tranquility be speedily restored to our bleeding country, we would willingly submit to its worst horror and devastation rather than National dishonor and degradation. Every good Mason must be a true and loyal citizen. He is enjoined by the solemn ties that bind him to the Order to be 'a quiet and peaceable subject, true to his country and just to his Government;' never to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but to patiently submit to the magisterial authority of the land in which he lives."

Your Committee had intended, as part of their plan in preparing this Report, to have treated at length some additional topics. "*The great increase of applications for initiation, and the necessity of the most careful scrutiny,*" is a subject which has forced itself upon the most anxious attention of the several Grand Lodges; and with words of weight and warning do the M. W. Grand Masters caution the brethren, that before recommending an applicant they should be assured he has positive qualities which will render him a valuable member of the fraternity, and not to rest satisfied with an uncertain, indefinite, vague, and general belief, that nothing is known against him.

The topic of "*applications from those about to join the army,*" has been already incidentally referred to. This subject has caused no little anxiety; the disposition and feeling has been, that if ever dispensations are to be granted, no more worthy cases for the exercise of the power can present themselves than those referred to. Yet, not only the danger to the institution, but the disadvantage to the applicants themselves of hurrying men into the Order and through the degrees, have not failed to press upon the minds of those having the controlling power. And the conviction seems now settled, even in those jurisdictions which have been inclined to be the most liberal, not to say lax, that the true policy is not to allow feeling and impulse to sway their better judgment; and that a cautious, conservative course, in reference to admissions into the Order, must prevail in all cases.

Your Committee had marked many passages for "*Special Notice of particular Jurisdictions,*" and the material was in readiness to present a *resumé* of the *Obituary Notices,* which, alas! fill many a page of the documents which have passed under our notices, not a few of these notices being of brethren of distinguished rank and attainments in Masonry—of zeal and valor in their country's cause upon the battle-field. But time and space alike forbid. Yet, your Committee feel that they cannot refrain from expressing, upon behalf of this Grand Lodge, her cordial and heartfelt sympathy with her sister Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in the severe loss that M. W. Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of the M. W. Grand Master, Yelverton P. Page, who died September 26, 1863, in the fortieth year of his age, after a life useful, honored, and respected among the fraternity as well as by all who knew the many virtues of our departed brother. It is a touching and hallowed thought which must ever spring up in the memory of those who have known and loved him, that the sickness which finally resulted in his death was brought on by unaccustomed exposure and unwonted and unwearying exertions in behalf of the wounded men who had suffered in the cause of their country. It is a melancholy satisfaction for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to mingle her tears with those of her bereaved and sorrowing sister of the National Capital, and to add this slight tribute to the bright memory of the

And now, R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the labors of your Committee of Foreign Correspondence are concluded. That they have been arduous is not to be denied; that they have brought their own pleasures, your Committee are free to admit. With a consciousness that, notwithstanding the length of this Report, the mass of interesting and instructive matter which has presented itself to their notice, has been inadequately reviewed, but with an equal consciousness that, with Masonic integrity and fidelity to the confidence reposed in them by this Grand Lodge, they have earnestly endeavored to perform their duties, the Committee close their Report with the expression on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the most heartfelt greetings to all our sister Grand Lodges and to the Craftsmen under the whole canopy of Heaven.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1865, A. L. 5865.

On motion of District Deputy Grand Master Brother George H. McCabe, and duly seconded by the Grand Secretary, the following was unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, Brother David C. Skerrett, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the two years ending this Saint John's day, 27th of December, A. D. 1864, A. L. 5864, has according to ancient usage in the said community retired from the active performance of his duties as Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge hereby express the deep regret which they feel at being compelled to sever their official connexion with Brother Skerrett.

Resolved, That they duly appreciate the uniform courtesy, kindness and fraternal consideration with which he has performed his duties.

Resolved, That the best wishes of the brethren will hereafter attend him in whatever condition he may be placed.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted in the usual way to Brother D. C. Skerrett, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. G. Warden and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have four copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the past five years suitably bound to be presented to her sister Grand Lodges represented near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by their Grand Representatives.

No further business presenting itself, the Grand Lodge closed in peace at half-past twelve o'clock, noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

FORM

OF

RECORDING THE MINUTES

OF

A Lodge of F. and A. Masons,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSLVANIA.*

BY WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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Having noticed, in my official intercourse with the Lodges throughout the State, differences and want of uniformity in recording the Minutes, the following Form for this purpose has been published for the information of the Brethren, in the hope that the difficulties heretofore experienced for want of correct knowledge in this respect, may be removed, and a more perfect record of the proceedings be preserved for future reference.

WM. H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

FORM FOR RECORDING MINUTES.

Stated meeting of ——— Lodge, No. ——, held at ——— ——— 18—, A. L. 58—.

MEMBERS PRESENT.	AMOUNT PAID.	VISITORS OR VISITING BRETHREN.
Brother ———, W. M. " ———, S. W. " ———, J. W. " ———, Treas'r. " ———, Sec'y. " ———, S. D. " ———, J. D. " ———, S. M. C. " ———, J. M. C. Am't with ——'s applicat'n ———, Past Masters.		Brother ———, of Lodge No.—.

Master Masons' Lodge opened in ancient form, at ——— o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the previous stated meeting were read and adopted.

NOTE—If a special or extra meeting is held in the interim, then say—

The minutes of last stated and special, or extra meetings were read and *separately* adopted.

The Committee appointedon the application of Mr. ———, for initiation and membership reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for and unanimously approved.

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The Committee appointed on the application of Brother ————, an applicant for *membership*, reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for, and unanimously *elected*.

The Committee appointed on the application of ———— for initiation and membership, reported unfavorably, finding him unworthy of having the prayer of his petition granted.

NOTE—In cases of this kind, the Secretary should send immediate notice to the Grand Secretary. Reports of this nature are equivalent to rejection, and the Lodge can take no further action.

The Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiries in relation to ————, an applicant for initiation and membership, reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for and rejected.

NOTE—The Secretary should also notify the Grand Secretary in cases of this kind, unless further action is taken by the motion for a second ballot, the result of which being unfavorable, notice must then be given.

On motion duly made and seconded, Resolved, That a second ballot be allowed in the case of Mr. ————, who was *rejected* this evening.

When this motion is offered, it lies over according to the Rules laid down in the Ahiman Rezon.

NOTE—If more than one is balloted for the same evening, succeeding each other, the record on the minutes may be condensed in this manner, as follows:—

The Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiries in relation to ———— and ————, reported in each case favorably whereupon they were separately balloted for and unanimously *approved*. If for membership, say they were separately balloted for, and unanimously *elected* to membership.

A dispensation was read from the R. W. Grand Master, Brother ————, authorizing this Lodge to Enter, Pass, and Raise Mr. ————, by profession ———, years of age —, residing at ———, but being about to leave the State for ———, could not wait the usual delay required by the By-Laws.

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No objection appearing, on motion, the Lodge agreed to act under the authority, as aforesaid.

The Master Masons' Lodge closed, and an Entered Apprentice Masons' Lodge opened, when Mr. ———— was introduced and received the first degree in Masonry.

The Entered Apprentice Lodge closed, and a Fellow Craft Masons' Lodge opened, when the applicant was again introduced, and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Fellow Craft Lodge closed, and a Master Masons' Lodge opened, when the applicant was introduced the third time. and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

NOTE—The foregoing terms are peculiarly expressive, and should be strictly adhered to in recording the minutes.

A petition for membership was received from Brother ——— a Master Mason, by profession a ———, late a member of Lodge No. —, and recommended by Brothers ——— and ———, which was on motion referred to a Committee of the following named Brethren, ———, ——— and ———.

A petition for initiation and membership was received from Mr. ————, by profession a ————, aged —— years, and residing at ————, and recommended by Brothers ———— and ————, which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Brothers ———, ——— and ——— to make the necessary inquiries. The application was accompanied with the sum of $——, in accordance with the By-Laws.

A dispensation was received from the R. W. Grand Master, Brother ————, authorizing this Lodge to pass to the Chair Brother ————, no objections being made.

On motion, the Lodge agreed to act under the aforesaid dispensation. All but Past Masters having retired, Brother ————, was duly passed to the Chair in ancient form.

This being the evening set apart by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Officers, the W. M. appointed Brothers ———— and ———— tellers. The Lodge proceeded to a ballot, when on counting the votes it appeared

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that Brother ——— was duly elected W. M.; Brother ——— S. W.; Brother ——— J. W.; Brother ——— Treasurer, and Brother ——— Secretary.

All but Past Masters having retired, Brother ——— was duly installed W. M. in ancient form. The Brethren who had retired were re-admitted, when Brother ——— was duly installed S. W.; Brother ——— J. W.; Brother ——— Treasurer; Brother ——— Secretary; in due and ancient form.

The W. M. appointed Brothers ———, ——— and ——— a Committee to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, for the last Masonic year.

A communication was received from the R. W. Grand Secretary, accompanied with a printed copy of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, for the past year.

NOTE—All communications and reports of committees should be entered at length on the Minutes, or a sufficient portion thereof to understand the full meaning, as also the several amounts of each and every bill presented for payment.

Mr. ———, an applicant for initiation and membership, who was balloted for and approved at the last stated meeting, presented himself for initiation. A brother arose and objected to his admission on the ground of being unworthy. The W. M. therefore declared it was incompetent for the Lodge to take any further action in the matter, until every objection was removed, as our Regulations require entire unanimity previous to admission.

The list of delinquent members who had been duly notified of their indebtedness, and that action would be taken at this meeting of the Lodge, (in accordance with the By-Laws,) was now called over, when on motion duly made and seconded, the following named Brethren were separately suspended for the non-payment of the several sums set opposite their names respectively, and the Secretary was directed to notify them accordingly, as follows:

Brother ———,	for $— —.
" ———,	— —.
" ———,	— —.

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Dues and fees amounting to ———— were collected this evening, and paid over to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.

An application was received from Brother ———, late a member of this Lodge, who was suspended for the non-payment of dues, in ———, praying that he may be restored to good Masonic standing in the Order, he having paid up the amount of his dues; whereupon, the question being taken, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

An application for charity was received and read from ———, late a member of Lodge No. —, held in ———, whereupon it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of ——— dollars be appropriated for the purpose, if found worthy.

Also a similar application from Mrs. ———, widow of Brother ———, late a member of Lodge No. —, held in ——, whereupon it was, on motion, *Resolved*, A Committee be appointed, with authority to grant the sum of ——— dollars, if found worthy. Committee, Brothers ———, ——— and ———.

A communication was received from Brother ———, tendering his resignation as a member of this Lodge, he having paid his dues, and complied with the By-Laws in this respect, whereupon it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the resignation be accepted.

No further business appearing, the Lodge closed in harmony at — o'clock.

NOTE—The hour of opening and closing a Lodge should be noted.

——— ———,
Secretary.

APPENDIX B.

DECISIONS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

TOGETHER WITH A LIST OF THE

GRAND OFFICERS,

FROM DECEMBER, 1838.

BY WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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The following Decisions have been made and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, at its several Communications held on the dates prefixed to each respectively, together with a List of the Elective and other Grand Officers, who have successively filled the several stations and places from December, 1838, the date of the last publication, to the present time.

Printed by the direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, for the information of the Brethren, by

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

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DECISIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

March 16, 1829.

Committee report that a Lodge has the right to summons for the purpose of installation, or any other purpose vitally affecting its interests, or the interest of any of its members.

March 6, 1843.

The Grand Officers, a Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren in relation to an election for officers, reported—

That the election in December last was set aside, the same having been conducted contrary to their By-Laws and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge; and the said Lodge was directed to hold another election for officers at their next stated meeting.

The reasons for the above decision are obvious. The By-Laws of a Lodge are sacred, and may not be set aside at will; on this occasion they seem, by common consent, to have been disregarded. To sanction the election under such circumstances would be, in effect, to encourage the Lodge in the violation of its own By-Laws, a step which no good Mason could approve, and the strictness of the Order will not permit the Committee to adopt. It is the special and bounden duty of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to enforce the By-Laws; yet, how often does a false delicacy prevent him so doing. When the question is one of a pecuniary nature, he should permit them on no account to be infringed. If a Brother, who is able, neglects to comply with them, the fault is his own, and he should not complain. If a Brother is unable to pay, the Lodge has the power to relieve him, and on proper representation will remit.

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The Committee notice with regret, the too prevailing neglect in the Lodges under this jurisdiction to enforce (when there is ability in a Brother to liquidate his dues) the salutary provision in the By-Laws pre-requisite to the exercise of the privileges of suffrage, a requisition wisely intended by our Masonic ancestors to supply the Fountain of Charity, and effectually promote the noblest object of the Masonic family.

So far as the officers of the Grand Lodge have the power to put a stop to this evil (a growing one), its exercise may be looked upon as certain, for in every case in which the matter is presented for their consideration, the By-Laws will be maintained; and all practices contrary to their spirit and letter meet with no favor. Complaints by those who may feel themselves aggrieved, should be made in reasonable time and according to the rules of the Order, otherwise the chance of redress will be considerably diminished.

In every instance when a violation of the By-Laws is permitted by the W. M. of a Lodge, a protest should be promptly entered at the time, and notice given of an intention to apply to the Grand Lodge, and this application should be presented in form, at the Quarterly Communication succeeding the occurrence; the case then coming up will be fresh for investigation, and the facts be of easy access.

The action of the Grand Officers, so far as the same may be invoked by the Grand Lodge, will be equally prompt and decisive—their duty is a plain and simple one, to preserve the Land-marks of the Order, and frown upon every attempt to violate and oppose them. They would be unworthy of the exalted posts they occupy, if, for the sake of convenience or any false notion of expediency, they countenance, in a single instance, a departure from the written or unwritten law.

It appeared also, in the course of this examination, that some of the Lodges are in the habit, at the meetings for election, of setting aside, by vote, the article in their By-Laws requiring the payment of dues previous to voting; this course is fully as reprehensible as the other, if not more so, and at war with the principles of the Order.

The practice also of admitting members by the Junior Warden, when the Lodge is called off to prepare for the election, is

improper, because members are admitted contrary to the Constitution, which says, "No member can be admitted without the knowledge and consent of the Worshipful Master;" and in many instances the members so admitted are permitted to vote without paying their dues, as the dues are collected previous to going into the election.

The Lodges so acting, deliberately practice a wrong, as must be apparent to every Brother. A course so pernicious in its effects, and striking at the prosperity of the Order, should at once be abandoned, and never permitted to occur again.

September 4, 1843.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, publications in relation to Masonry are inexpedient, and that they therefore decline examining the book referred to in resolution of June 5th, 1843.* Approved by Grand Lodge.

September 4, 1843.

Resolved, That petitions asking a remission of dues, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 16, 1843.

To the Right Worshipful,
The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the Memorial and Appeal of Brother ———, of Lodge No. ——, at ———, respectfully report,

That the said Brother protests against the action of ——— Lodge, No. —— in the premises, and claims the interference of the Grand Lodge upon two grounds:

First, That he was not guilty of such conduct as made him liable to the Masonic action of the Lodge.

And Second, That he had no summons which he was bound Masonically to notice, and his expulsion was therefore unjustifiable, and contrary to Masonic usage.

Thus appealed to by the complaining Brother, and called

* Davis' Masonic Monitor.

upon to settle a question as to form, the decision upon the second point being in his favor, all inquiry into the merits of the case is rendered unnecessary, and the Committee refrain from examining the same, or expressing any opinion thereon.

By the Records of the Lodge it appears that charges of unmasonic conduct were made against the Brother at a stated meeting, held on the 13th day of April, 1843, and a Committee appointed by resolution to investigate the facts, after giving him notice, take testimony and make report of their proceedings, and the testimony taken to a special meeting, to be held that night two weeks. At the special meeting which was held on the 25th of April, 1843, the Committee reported that they had notified Brother ———, under date of the 15th, to attend before them on the Saturday evening following, the 22d of April, at the Lodge room at 7 o'clock P.M., as at that time they would proceed, under their appointment, to inquire into the truth of the charges preferred against him; which notice was sent to Brother ————, by the Tyler, and served upon him the day of its date. This Committee further reported, that Brother ———— did not attend at the time and place as notified, and that they proceeded to take testimony, which testimony accompanied their report. At this meeting the further consideration of the report was, on motion of a Brother, fixed for the next stated meeting, the evening of the 15th of May, and the Secretary directed to give Brother ———— special notice that he would then be heard in explanation and in defence of said charges.

The Notice given by the Secretary is as follows:

"———— Lodge, No. ——, May 10th, 1843.

"Brother ————,

"You are requested to meet the Brethren of ———— Lodge, No. ——, at their Hall, this evening, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Charges are preferred against you for unmasonic conduct, in having represented to Brother Masons, as a Mason, things to be true which at the time you knew were not true, and afterwards acknowledged were not so. Of which the Committee appointed in the case have made report thereof to the Lodge.

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"You are therefore summoned to attend to answer said charges in the matter whereof you are concerned.

"By order of the W. M.

(Signed) "———, *Secretary.*"

At the stated meeting in May this matter was called up, when the Secretary reported, that he had given notice as above set forth to Brother ————. That Brother was not present, but sent in his resignation, which the W. M. very properly declined receiving in the then stage of the inquiry; when after reading the preamble, resolutions, and charges, the report of the Committee, and testimony taken, Brother ——— was, upon motion made and seconded, expelled for unmasonic conduct and contemptuous treatment of the Lodge.

The penalty of expulsion from the Masonic body is the severest known to the practice of the Order. The disgrace which ensues is widely spread and as lasting as time. When such consequences result from its infliction, nothing short of the clearest proof of error and guilt, and a stern sense of justice should induce an appeal to its power. While a hope of reclamation remains, an erring Brother should have the door left open for his return; it should only be closed upon him when all admonition has failed, and hope itself ceased to exist —and when closed, every Brother should take care that it is done in a Masonic *spirit* and according to Masonic *form*. *In a Masonic spirit*, because personal prejudices and resentments should never be permitted to operate at the ballot box. In a *Masonic form*, so that right may be done according to the Land-marks of the Order, and the banished Brother feel that no part of its rules has been violated, that justice swayed in all and crowned the whole.

That Brother ———— received notice is not denied by him, but he objects, that he did not receive Masonic notice; and here the Committee agrees with him. The objection may be looked upon as technical, if such a term can be known to Masonry; still he is entitled to the benefit of it. Nor can the Committee deny it to him—for to yield here would be to introduce a precedent that might be hurtful hereafter.

The Masonic Institution, substantially one of Charity, is

strengthened by *forms:* these constitute the chain which has kept it together in times past, and must continue to preserve it in all time to come. Let but one link be broken, and who can tell how far that chain may be unravelled. The duty of a Brother to attend the summons of his Lodge is not denied; nor can any Mason, having a proper sense of such duty, fail to obey it. What constitutes that summons is another question, and here the Committee wish to be explicit. The Master of a Lodge cannot, of his own motion, summon a Brother—this must be done by the action of the Lodge itself, upon a motion made, seconded, and adopted. What is the evidence of such action? A copy of the resolution under the seal of the Lodge, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary. This is the true Masonic evidence. A summons so prepared, and duly served, would be a regular summons. Here the Lodge had a seal, but it was not attached, nor does it appear from the notice served by the Secretary and signed by him alone, that he referred to any resolution of the Lodge, calling upon Brother ———— to appear before it. Indeed, from a careful examination of their report, it does not appear that such a resolution, in *form* was passed, and without it there could not have been any regular Masonic summons served upon the Brother. The Lodge, in the opinion of the Committee on the report of its Committee of Investigation, should have adopted a resolution, summoning the Brother to appear at a certain time before that Committee or the Lodge, caused a copy of the same, signed by the Master, and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge, to be served upon the Brother, and on proof of such service, and the Brother failing to appear, to have proceeded to his expulsion.

All this may be looked upon as *form*, but it is *form* having deliberation and justice in view. It is intended to give every opportunity to the accused to explain, modify, defend, or justify, as his case requires. As in a criminal proceeding, the forms of law are never overlooked, however gross may be the crime of the offender, so in Masonic action, the rules of the Craft should be scrupulously observed, deeply committed as a Brother may have been in his violations of the duties of the Order. Better, far better in every case, that the offending

party should escape, than that fixed and settled principles should be made to yield, that he might be punished and disgraced.

The Committee observe, too, that while the original charges against the Brother were for unmasonic conduct, the resolution for expelling him states, That his contemptuous treatment of the Lodge, subsequently to the presentation of those charges, is one of the causes of his expulsion. Of this the Brother certainly had no notice, as will appear from a perusal of the Secretary's communication. The Lodge therefore expelled him for an act which was not regularly made a charge against him by any Brother, and which he had no opportunity of explaining away, and in this particular were certainly wrong, admitting that they had observed every form in regard to the original accusations and proceedings thereon.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proceedings of ——— Lodge, No. ——, of ———, so far as regards the expulsion of Brother ———, be, and the same are hereby set aside and annulled, it appearing upon the face of the record of the said Lodge, and by production of the notice, to which exception has been taken by the said Brother, That he was not summoned to appear, answer, and defend the charges preferred against him, according to Masonic usage and custom, and the Land-marks of the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of the Report of the Committee and the resolutions attached thereto, duly authenticated, to ——— Lodge, No. ——, at ———.

Respectfully submitted.

March 4, 1844.

The following Report having been read and adopted, was, on motion duly made and seconded, Resolved that a copy be transmitted to all the Grand Lodges who are in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Grand Officers, to whom was referred the communica-

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tion from Brother ————, President of the Convention of Grand Lodges, assembled at Baltimore in May last, forwarded under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, respectfully report,

That they have carefully examined the said Communication, and given the subject to which it refers their most serious attention, and cannot but regret that the action of the Grand Lodges, in the Convention alluded to, should have resulted in the production of a work so calculated to prejudice the Order of Masonry.

After several efforts to get up a Convention of the Grand Lodges of the different States of the Union, one was held at Baltimore, in the month of May last. Although this Grand Lodge was appealed to, and asked to take part in that Convention, she declined doing so, as it was not apparent to her that any good could spring from it. She carefully kept aloof, and so far, has every reason to congratulate herself upon the wisdom of her course. In the answer which she returned, positively refusing to unite in any such Convention, she assumed the ground that Masonry, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, "altereth not," and as it was co-extensive with the nations of the earth, existing beneath all climates, and more or less known to nearly every race, nothing short of a representation from each and all should attempt to revise the system—a modification to suit one quarter of the world or a particular class of people would not answer for another; and from its being a primitive and enduring bond of universal association, an attempt at change would resolve it into chaos, and the Land-marks of the Order be obliterated forever. To the latter we are bound to cling by our love for the Institution and by every obligation of duty; watching with jealous eyes and opposing hands, every effort at innovation, resolved that the "Ark of our Covenant" shall float in its beauty, simplicity and truth, upon the stream of Time into the ocean of Eternity.

In this Convention, fifteen Grand Lodges were represented. They proceeded to investigate and canvass the several modes of work practiced by themselves, and agreed upon a system by which the *whole* should be regulated, and with a view to its

dissemination, resolved to publish in the name of the Convention, a *Tressel-Board or Hieroglyphic Monitor*, which should represent the true work, and be the means of dispersing, as they thought, the spurious publications extant. This duty devolved upon Brother ———, of Virginia, Brother ———, of Massachusetts, and Brother ———, of Missouri. They agreed upon the outlines and separated; but the work, before being put to press, was to meet with Brother ———'s approbation.

The book, however, found its way into the world, in violation of this understanding between the members of the Committee, and in the language of Brother ———, "It is the most offensive, ridiculous, and objectionable book upon Masonry it had ever fallen to his lot to peruse, and in scarcely one feature to be recognized as having the most remote resemblance to the work of the Convention." It is clear, therefore, that the attempt by this body to establish a uniform system of work has resulted in the production of a publication under its auspices, calculated to do vast injury to the Masonic Fraternity, and the *evil effects* of which, no steps which that or any other Masonic body can now take will entirely avoid. The book may drive out of circulation other works only to supply their places with one of a more objectionable character.

So far as publications go, they have been uniformly reprobated by this Grand Lodge. The door once open, it would be difficult to foresee the closing of it. Besides, the interests of the Craft do not require them, and it would be well if an end could be put to this evil. The Ahiman Rezon is a sufficient text book, and furnishes all that is desirous to be known out of the Lodge. As a standard, it gives what is wanting with respect to the spirit and object of Masonry. As to the forms, these are for the Lodge alone—within its walls, to be sacredly kept from the eyes and ears of the uninitiated, cherished by the memory and enshrined in the heart of every Brother.

As this Grand Lodge was not represented in the Baltimore Convention, she does not fall within the instructions given to Brother ——— in the resolution authorizing him to address circulars, requesting the Grand Lodges there represented to

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unite with the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in suppressing the further circulation of the *Tressel-Board*, nor can the Committee conceive why, except for the sake of abundant caution, Brother ——— should send a circular to this Grand Lodge; they therefore do not perceive the necessity of any action in the premises, and submit merely the following resolution, as expressive of the sense of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on this interesting subject.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has always taken a decided stand against all publications on the subject of Masonry —particularly as to its forms and ceremonies, and from the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, held on the 11th of December, 1843, she is the more fully convinced of the propriety of her course in regard thereto.

Respectfully submitted.

June 1, 1846.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognise the propriety, and establish as a principle for her future government, the necessity of having at least five subordinate Lodges to constitute a district, and be entitled to the privilege of a Deputy Grand Master.

December 7, 1846.

Resolved, That it is competent to any Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Master as a committee of the Grand Lodge, to make any rules for the government and regulation of the proceedings of said committee; if such rules shall not be in opposition to, or at variance with, the Constitution and By-Laws of the R. W. G. Lodge.

December 7, 1846.

Committee report that they decline reviving the charters of Lodges No. — and No. —, believing that in no instance should such a revival be granted, where the warrant, books, and papers of a Lodge have not been returned in conformity to the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon, page 33.

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March 5, 1849.

Resolved, That when an unfavorable report is made by the Committee, and that report is accepted, it is equivalent to a black ball, and no ballot is necessary. [Corroborated by the following report of Committee on Land-marks—adopted September 3, 1849.]

To the R. W. Grand Master
and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed on the Communication from ——— Lodge, No. ——, held at ———, respectfully report—

That they have considered the matters referred to them. That by the existing Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, if a report of a Committee of Inquiry is favorable the candidate is balloted for, on a stated night of meeting, and receiving a unanimous vote is declared to be approved. (See Ahiman Rezon, page 35.) There is nothing contained in the Rules and Regulations directing the course to be pursued in case of an unfavorable report, but as a candidate cannot be admitted without a ballot, and there is no provision to ballot on an unfavorable report, it follows, of course, that the candidate is rejected. The course to be pursued by the applicant in such case, if he believes that he has been aggrieved, is pointed out in the Rules and Regulations, page 8, viz.: "An appeal lies to the Grand Lodge by any person aggrieved by the proceedings of a subordinate Lodge," and the manner of appealing is therein set forth.

The Rules and Regulations, page 35, provide that "If an applicant be rejected, a second ballot may be had on the motion of any member, duly seconded, made at one stated meeting and adopted at the next, or at some subsequent meeting. But the ballot so allowed shall be had at the stated meeting next subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted."

From the above, it is plain that although the motion for a second ballot need not be adopted at the next stated meeting after it is made, but may be adopted at that or some subsequent meeting; yet, the provision is express, that the ballot

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so allowed shall be had at the stated meeting *next subsequent* to that at which such motion was adopted.

The Committee offer the following resolution for adoption, viz.:—

Resolved, 1st, That an unfavorable report of a committee on a petition for initation and membership is a rejection of a candidate, and that he should be so returned by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, stating in the return that the committee report unfavorably.

2d, That when a motion has been made for a second ballot at one stated meeting and adopted at the next, or some subsequent stated meeting, the ballot must be had at the stated meeting next subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ————, *Chairman Com.*

September 3, 1849.

July 1, 1850.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Lodge be requested to grant authority to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to make such alterations in the By-Laws for the government of the Stewards as to enable them to fix the hour of meeting of the Board, and also determine the number that shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and also to meet on its own adjournment. Adopted.

July 1 1850.

The following resolution was brought before the Grand Lodge, but no action was taken thereon, viz.:

Resolved, That in future the approbation of the members of a subordinate Lodge to a dispensation be ascertained by ballot, as in case of a petitioning candidate.

This resolution caused considerable discussion; when Past Grand Master Brother ———— was appealed to, and his opinion was given as follows, viz.: That a dispensation merely does away with the time required by the By-Laws of the Lodge and the rules of Masonry, (and should be granted in only very urgent or pressing cases), but it required the appro-

bation of the Lodge to be given with UNANIMITY, and that the usual mode is to take the voice of the Lodge; but to ballot in a case of this kind is contrary to ancient usage, and never has been so done to the best of his recollection.

June 7, 1852.

The following Report from a Committee appointed on Regalia, &c., was read, and the resolutions thereto attached, adopted.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Committee appointed to report upon the appropriate regalia of the subordinate Lodges, in attending to the duty assigned them, find a great want of uniformity to exist among the various Lodges; there being the most marked differences in the shape, color, and materials of the collars and aprons in use, and in the form of Jewels worn by Past Masters. The result of which is to produce a very motley appearance in the Grand Lodge, and greatly to enhance the price for which the same article could be procured, were all made to one pattern.

The Past Masters' jewel now in use consists of the extended compasses enclosing either the sun or a five pointed star, as the wearer chooses, and of a form or device most pleasing to his fancy, placed on the square, or on a segment of a circle, or on both. In the opinion of your Committee, the compasses, the sun, and the five pointed star, are emblems belonging to the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge, and should be only worn by them.

In their examination of the subject, your Committee have been favorably impressed with the consistency and simplicity of the regalia of subordinate Lodges, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of England; and would recommend it to the consideration of this Grand Lodge. But in so doing they think it by no means advisable to compel those Lodges and Brethern already supplied, to discard that which they have and procure new, but merely to establish a standard for that hereafter to be procured, which will in time bring about that uniformity so much to be desired.

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They would further recommend the adoption of a rule that not only the Officers, but the Past Masters of subordinate Lodges should therein, as well as in the Grand Lodge, wear their proper insignia. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the regalia of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, procured from and after the passage of this resolution, shall be as follows, to wit:

APRONS.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and twelve to fourteen inches deep, square bottom and without ornament, white strings.

FELLOW CRAFT—A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of sky blue rosettes at the bottom, and blue strings.

MASTER MASON—The same with sky blue lining and edging, one inch and a half deep on the bottom and sides, and one inch deep at the top and round the flap, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

OFFICERS—Master Mason's apron with the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

MASTER—The Master Mason's apron with the emblem of his office in white or silver in the centre, and in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron.

PAST MASTER—The same as the apron of the Master of the Lodge, with the Past Master's emblem in white or silver in the centre.

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JEWELS.

Master,	The Square.
Past Master,	The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Prop. 1st Book of Euclid engraved on a silver plate pendent within it.
Senior Warden,	The Level.
Junior Warden,	The Plumb.
Treasurer,	The Cross Keys.
Secretary,	The Cross Pens.
Deacons,	The Dove.
Masters of Ceremony,	The Cross Rods.
Tyler,	The Sword.

The above named Jewels to be in silver, and suspended from the neck by a light blue ribbon.

Resolved, That no Brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge, without the regalia appropriate to his rank.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed, and a copy furnished by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge under this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

October 2, 1854.

The following report was read and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Brother ————, in relation to his non-advancement in Lodge No. ——, beg leave to report—

That they have found the facts as set forth in said communication substantially correct, to wit.: That he applied for initiation and membership in said Lodge, and after the accustomed inquiries, was balloted for, approved, and initiated; that subsequent to his initiation a protest was entered against his advancement by a Brother of the Lodge, and that a Committee was appointed to inquire into his case and report thereon; said Committee reported that they could not recommend the Brother to further advancement. The Lodge refused to accept the report of the Committee, and passed a resolution directing the Secretary to give him notice to attend at the

next stated meeting of the Lodge for advancement. By direction of the W. M. this notice was not given to the complainant, and in this emergency he appeals to the Grand Lodge. It may be here stated on behalf of the W. M. that his impression was that it required the unanimous voice of the Lodge for advancement; hence his instructions to the Secretary.

Your Committee, after having given the subject all the consideration its importance demands, are unanimous in their opinion that after an applicant for initiation and membership has been approved and initiated, he is a member, and as such, entitled to his remaining degrees, unless objected to, and charges preferred against him in the open Lodge; notice of these charges, if practicable, is to be given to the applicant. The Lodge may act on the charges directly, or refer them to a committee to inquire, and report at the earliest stated meeting possible. If referred, the Lodge is to be notified of the time when the report of the Committee will be acted upon.

A majority of the members present shall decide whether the objections have been sustained. If a majority decide that the objections have not been sustained, the Lodge will proceed to advance the applicant. The broad principle being unanimity before initiation, and a majority to govern in all matters concerning a Brother afterwards. In accordance with the foregoing views, your Committee offer the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That Lodge No. ——, be instructed to confer the remaining degrees upon Brother ————, unless they shall for good and sufficient cause shown, rescind the resolution to do so already adopted by them.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved, That the opinion contained in the report on Brother ————'s case be adopted, as the principle on which similar cases shall be settled in future.

September 5, 1853.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, viz.

Whereas, ———— was rejected by Lodge No. ——, in this State; he afterwards went to the city of New York, and was

entered, passed, and raised; and, whereas, such impositions and practices deserve censure and punishment, it is hereby ordered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that the said ———— be debarred from visiting or becoming a member of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The members of the subordinate Lodges should rise at the entrance of *Grand* Officers, of Past Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters, and Worshipful Masters of Lodges.

The members of the *Grand Lodge* rise at the entrance of Past Grand Masters.

June 4, 1855.

The following Report was read, and on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

To the Right Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the communication of ———— Lodge, No. ——, complaining of the action of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. ——, at Lancaster, on the 8th of November last, in refusing to admit Brother ———— as a visitor, respectfully report—

That no unworthy or improper motives or feelings are imputed to the W. M. of No. ——, in the course he pursued, on the contrary the protest and complaint itself states that the refusal of the W. M. of No. —— to admit Brother ————, was based upon the plea that his admittance would mar the harmony of the Lodge. There is no denial in the complaint that his admission would have had that effect—even if it would, it was not only the right but duty of the W. M. of Lodge No. ——, to refuse to admit Brother ———— on the night in question.

The good order and harmony of a Lodge are entrusted to the W. M. for the time being; and it is his duty so to exercise the powers entrusted to him as should best promote these objects.

For this purpose he has power to refuse admittance to any visitor whose admission will destroy the peace and harmony

of his Lodge, but at the same time he is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the exercise of that power in a paternal and Masonic manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Committee on Land-marks.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was further resolved, That the principle set forth in the said Report be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

March 17, 1856.

The following Report was read, approved, and the resolu- attached thereto adopted.

To the Right Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, at their Communication, March 3d, to whom was referred the appeal of several Past Masters of ———— Lodge, No. ——, in relation to the action of that Lodge, at their stated meetings in December, January, and February last, beg leave to submit the following Report—

Your Committee have held several meetings, and have endeavored to arrive at a full and correct understanding of the whole facts of the case submitted to them under the resolution of the Grand Lodge. To this end, they have examined fully the minutes as recorded by their Secretary, of the doings of that Lodge at the periods above stated, besides examining several witnesses in the case, who were members of the Lodge, and present at the time the transactions took place, complained of in the appeal.

The appeal states as follows—

"At the stated meeting in December last, Brother ———— being S. W. was elected W. M. for the ensuing Masonic year; but upon being asked whether he was willing to be installed in that office, he declared that he was not, and then read his resignation as a member of the Lodge." After being expostulated with by the W. M., and still persisting in offering his resignation, "A resolution was then formally offered and seconded, that Brother ————'s resignation be accepted.

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The W. M. in due order put the question, and it was accepted, and entered of record on their minutes."

At the stated meeting in January, a resolution was adopted "That the R. W. G. Master be requested to give his dispensation for the election of a W. M. in place of Brother———," &c.

At the stated meeting in February, the W. M. failed to produce the dispensation, although it was understood and stated in the Lodge that the R. W. G. M. had granted it, and that it was in readiness for the use of the Lodge. But instead, the following resolution was offered and carried by eight majority, "That the Lodge re-consider and rescind the acceptance of the resignation of Brother ————, such acceptance being informal and illegal, in consequence of his obligation to serve the Lodge as S. W. for a period beyond that of his resignation. W. M., Brother ————, then declared his decision to be, that Brother ———— was now again a member of Lodge No. ——."

Your Committee will first take up that portion which relates to the Lodge accepting the resignation of Brother ——— at their stated meeting in December. It appears that Brother ———— was elected by a majority of the votes in Lodge No. ——, W. M. for the ensuing Masonic year. After the Lodge had got through with the election of their other officers, Brother ———— was asked by the W. M. if he was ready to take upon himself the usual obligation pertaining to the office, to which he replied he was not, and immediately read his resignation as a member of the Lodge, which was accepted, and recorded on the book of minutes.

A question here seems to have arisen in the minds of some members of the Order, whether Brother ————, at that time, had a right to resign his membership, or whether the Lodge had the power to accept it under the circumstances, for the reason that his term of office as S. W. had not then expired. The Ahiman Rezon certainly contemplates that cases of this kind might arise, both in a subordinate, as well as the Grand Lodge; for in the Ahiman Rezon, page 156 and 157, it says, "In case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Master," &c., and on page 168 it says, "On the death, resignation, or removal from the commonwealth of any elective Grand Offi-

cer," &c. It is therefore plain, that the framers of our Constitution contemplated that cases might arise where a Brother filling an elective office, either in the Grand or a subordinate Lodge, might feel it imperative on him to resign from the Lodge, for reasons which he might consider good and sufficient. If, therefore, Brother ————, at the time of tendering his resignation, had complied with all the requirements of the By-Laws, he not only had the right to offer his resignation, but your Committee think it was their bounden duty to accept it.

The next point in the appeal, to which your Committee will now refer, is in relation to what took place in Lodge No. ——, at their stated meeting in January.

Their minutes show that a resolution was offered and adopted, That the R. W. G. M. be requested to grant a dispensation, authorizing Lodge No. —— to hold an election for W. M. in place of Brother ————, and to fill any other offices which might become vacant thereby. This action on the part of the Lodge the Committee consider perfectly correct and proper, and it is all that took place in Lodge No. —— at that meeting which is referred to in the subject matter of the appeal.

The next and most important point under consideration by your Committee, is in relation to what transpired in Lodge No. ——, at their stated meeting in February. The appeal states, "That the W. M. failed to produce the dispensation, though it was understood, and stated in open Lodge, that the R. W. G. M. had granted it, and that then it was in readiness for the use of the Lodge."

There was no evidence before your Committee to show that the dispensation, as stated in the appeal, was then in readiness for the use of the Lodge, or that the R. W. G. M. had even issued it.

There was proof, however, that the dispensation was so far completed that it only required the signature of the G. M., and had the proper officer of Lodge No. —— called for it, no doubt it would have been given for the use of the Lodge. Instead of this, however, it seems, from their minutes, that they re-considered and rescinded the resolution of the Lodge, ac-

cepting the resignation of Brother ————, whereupon the W. M. declared him again a member, and then a special meeting was called of the Lodge on the 1st of March, and Brother ———— was, as their minutes represent, installed W. M. for the present Masonic year. In these two last named acts, your Committee are clearly and unanimously of the opinion that Lodge No. —— acted contrary to the Ahiman Rezon, and Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge. They believe that the true and only course for that Lodge now to pursue, is to retrace her steps, and begin again where they stood immediately after passing the resolution at their January meeting, asking for a dispensation from the G. M. to hold another election for W. M.

The Committee believe, that if this course is adopted and acted on, the Lodge may, at an early day, have all her elective offices filled, that her regular labors may be proceeded with, and if all her members are governed with that true Masonic spirit which ought to fill the heart of every good Mason, she will be enabled to accomplish as much, if not more good in the future than she has done in times past.

With these views of the case, your Committee submit for the consideration and adoption by the Grand Lodge, the following resolutions, to wit—

Resolved, That Brother ———— violated none of the principles or rules of our Order in tendering his resignation as member of Lodge No. ——; but having complied with all their By-Laws, the Lodge were in duty bound to accept his resignation.

Resolved, That ——— Lodge, No. ——, in adopting a resolution to request the R. W. G. M. to grant a dispensation to hold another election for W. M. in place of Brother ———, acted in accordance with the custom and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and that Lodge No. — erred by not being governed by said resolution before taking any other action in the matter.

Resolved, That Lodge No. — erred in re-considering and rescinding the acceptance of Brother ———'s resignation, and this Grand Lodge now declares that act null and void; and further, that Brother ——— is not now a member of that Lodge.

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The only mode in which he or any other Brother, after resigning, can regain admission into membership, is in accordance with the rules of the Grand Lodge, viz.: by petition, reference to a committee, and unanimous ballot.

Resolved, That the action of Lodge No. — installing Brother ——— as W. M., at their meeting on the 1st day of March was illegal, and the same is hereby declared null and void and of no effect. That the proper course for that Lodge now to pursue is, under existing circumstances, to apply to the proper authority for a dispensation to hold a new election.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of the above resolutions to Lodge No. —, with instructions that they be spread upon their book of minutes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

December 15, 1856.

The Grand Secretary brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge, the wish of ——— Lodge, No. —, that they be permitted to divide the initiation fee into three payments, and take a portion from the applicant as he progresses through the F. C. degree and Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge decided that the fee could not be divided.

That the whole sum was due and payable as soon as the candidate was initiated.

That if, after an applicant's initiation, he did not see fit to take the F. C. and M. M. degrees in the Lodge in which he was initiated, he would have to pay an extra charge into the Lodge which conferred said degrees upon him subsequently.

February 2, 1857.

The following Report was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the communication from ——— Lodge, No. —, together with all the papers submitted therewith, respectfully report—

That the communication and papers referred to them relate

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to the application of ——— for initiation and membership in ——— Lodge, No. —.

It was in evidence before the Committee that ——— was a man of unblemished character, and every way qualified, in a moral point of view, to become a member of the Order. It also appeared that ——— had presented a regular petition for initiation and membership in No. —; that a Committee had been appointed whose report was favorable, and that ——— had been balloted for and duly approved.

Before he was actually initiated, some of the Brethren discovered, as they thought, that ——— was physically disqualified from becoming a member of the Order, and the proceedings were arrested, and a Committee of three members of the Lodge were appointed to confer with the Committee on Land-marks.

Your Committee have given the subject all the attention its painful and delicate nature requires; and they regret to say that ——— cannot be initiated. Masonry has always required not only moral qualifications, which ——— possesses in a high degree, but also certain physical qualifications well known to the Brethren. Of these last, the Committee regret to say ——— has been deprived by misfortune. He never can perform all the work of the Craft. He was visited by one of the members of this Committee, whose statement satisfied them that without any fault of his own ——— is debarred from entering the portals of Masonry.

While your Committee deeply sympathize with —— and his friends in his and their disappointment, the regulation which excludes him is co-eval with the existence of the Order, and cannot be dispensed with.

All which is respectfully submitted.

February 2, 1857.

The following Report was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the

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communication from ———— Lodge, No. —, asking for instruction and decision, respectfully report—

That the communication submitted to them involves the question, Whether an applicant for initiation and membership, who has presented a petition in due form, which has been referred to the proper committee, who have reported favorably, and their report been accepted and the committee discharged, and the candidate balloted for and duly approved; but before he is actually initiated, such information is received by some of the members of the Lodge as to satisfy them that he was not worthy and was not under the term of good Masonic report. Whether under those circumstances it is too late to prevent his initiation. In other words, whether a candidate who is discovered to be unworthy at the last moment, must then be initiated nevertheless.

A moment's reflection will satisfy the Brethren that no man can *enter* the Lodge who is not *under the term of good Masonic report;* it is never too late to exclude any such. In fact, the door of Masonry cannot be opened to them, although they stand upon the very threshhold, and knock ever so loudly. And if such a one cannot even enter the Lodge, much less can he become a member.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

December, 1857.

The following Report, among other matters, was received from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and as it contains a principle of Masonic courtesy not generally known, is here published for the information of the Brethren.

The following preamble and resolution from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were received by the Grand Secretary, and referred by the Grand Lodge to your Committee.

Whereas, The subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this W. G. Lodge, located in the southern and eastern part of this State, experience much annoyance from the frequent and almost weekly practice of subordinate Lodges located in Philadelphia and New York, working under the authority of the W. Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York, of re-

ceiving the applications of persons residing in this State, and passing them through the several degrees of Masonry without regarding the rights of this jurisdiction, therefore

Resolved, That the W. Grand Master, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, respectfully request the R. W. Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York to take such action as in their wisdom may be necessary, to protect the subordinates of this Grand Lodge adjacent to their jurisdiction, in not allowing subordinates working under that jurisdiction to entertain petitions for the honors of Masonry from persons residing in this State, without consulting the subordinate nearest the place of residence of such applicant, and that the consent of such subordinate so consulted shall be requisite for the reception of any applicant.

Your Committee were not aware that the practice thus complained of by our Brethren of New Jersey, was by any means as general or frequent as intimated in the preamble to their resolution. They have long known that it has, to some extent, existed with other adjacent jurisdictions, and in some instances caused feelings that all good Masons should regret and by every means endeavor to avoid. Few things are better calculated to cause jealousy and unpleasant bickerings, but like many other ills of human life, it is far easier to point out the evil than apply the remedy. We are aware that it is a maxim of common law that "for every wrong there is a remedy," but every day's experience teaches that, like other general rules, there are many exceptions. No general law can reach all individual cases. A vicious man may in a thousand ways annoy his neighbor without rendering himself amenable to the criminal code. Thus in the case before us.

Your Committee have no hesitation in saying that the practice under consideration, and to the extent complained of, is wrong, but whether a total prohibition, *under all possible circumstances*, would be right, is another question. Intelligent writers on Masonic law have contended that Masonry is general and universal, and its rights and privileges cannot be circumscribed by geographical limits. Let us suppose a case—

Some men there are whose reputation is the common property of the country. Our history has furnished many such

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and are we without living examples at the present day? Men as distinguished for personal purity in the relations of private life, as for integrity, honor, and patriotism in the field, the cabinet, the halls of legislation, the bench, or in the sanctuary of our holy religion. Suppose such a man to have been born in New Jersey (and few States have furnished more such) and on the banks of the beautiful Delaware. His childhood and youth have been spent among the romantic scenes of his cottage home, and there his memories and affections still cluster. The spreading tree beside the village church, the murmuring brook beside the village school-house, are still fresh in his recollections and familiar as household words.

The pursuit of fortune or desire for honorable distinction have early drawn him from the parental roof-tree, and he has made his home in Pennsylvania. Circumstances in middle life have induced him to inquire into the merits of Masonry, and being satisfied with his investigations, resolves to unite with the Order. His father was a Mason, and member of a Lodge in Trenton, and he earnestly desires to record his own name where the honored name of his father has long stood. But a difficulty interposes. The Lodge in Pennsylvania nearest his domicil, ambitious of having so distinguished a member, withholds her assent. What say our brethren of New Jersey? Would they make that man a Mason? Would a man such as we have attempted to describe, being a citizen of Scotland or Ireland, be refused admission in a Lodge of London or Liverpool?

With every desire to meet the wishes of our brethern of New Jersey, in view of the many difficulties that present themselves to the minds of your Committee, they can only recommend to this Grand Lodge and its subordinates, a fair, honest, and honorable course in regard to neighboring jurisdictions, and not, unless in extreme cases, receive applications for membership from persons residing in other States, without the consent of the nearest Lodge to his residence, and in all our Masonic intercourse keep constantly in view that Divine precept of "doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us."

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September 6, 1858.

The Committee on Appeals made the following Report, which was read and the resolution attached adopted.

To the Right Worshipful,

the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of the appeal of Brother ————, of Lodge No. ——, A. Y. M., the Committee on Appeals respectfully report—

That they have had before them the appellant, and also the W. M. of said Lodge, and heard their several statements of the facts in regard to which there was little, if any, variation between them. The only dispute was, as to whether the Report of the Committee was or was not in possession of the Lodge at the time a request was made to withdraw the petition. In the judgment of the Committee, as soon as the petition and report are handed over on the opening of the Lodge, the papers become the property of the Lodge, and must abide its action. There must be some point of time when the custody of the petition is surrendered by the Committee and the control of the Lodge begins, and that was fixed by the Committee in this case, when the report was handed to the Secretary of the Lodge (and it was in his possession when the Lodge opened.) The power of the Committee over it was then gone. It needed no reading nor action of the Lodge to make the report complete so far as the Committee was concerned. It had passed from their possession, and there could not therefore be "a withdrawal before report made," as is provided by the Ahiman Rezon. The Committee therefore overrule the appeal, and submit the following for the adoption of the Grand Lodge—

Resolved, That the action of the W. M. of Lodge No. ——, in refusing to permit the withdrawal of a petition for initiation after report thereon, and the same had been handed to the Secretary of the Lodge, was Masonically correct.

Signed by the Committee.

March 7, 1859.

The following Report of the Committee on Land-marks was read, and on motion, adopted.

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To the Right Worshipful
the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom the Grand Lodge referred the overture of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, relative to reports of Committee upon application for initiation and membership, report—

The question submitted to the Committee by the Grand Lodge is, whether the report of the Committee of three Brethren upon the application of a candidate for initiation, or of a Brother for membership in a Lodge, requires a unanimous action of each member of the Committee, or whether a report of a majority of the Committee is sufficient.

The inquiry is not without difficulty, and has engaged the serious attention of your Committee. In the ordinary routine of business, both in the Grand Lodge and in subordinate Lodges the parliamentary rule has been adopted, that a majority of a standing or special Committee is competent to make a report; but the inquiry into the qualifications of a candidate for admission as a member of a Lodge is peculiar in its character. The theory of the whole proceeding is that the candidate should be approved of without one dissenting voice.

They therefore propose for the consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge, the following standing regulation—

Reports of Committees, if favorable, upon the character and qualifications of a candidate for initiation or membership must be signed by every member of the Committee, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Lodge, that the member of the Committee not signing such report was duly notified of his appointment, and was prevented by sickness, absence, or some other unavoidable cause, from attending the meeting of the Committee, and participating in their report.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Committee.

June 6, 1859.

The following was adopted.

To the Right Worshipful
the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Land-marks, to whom was re-committed

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their report on the communication of the Officers of ———— Lodge, No. —, relative to the case of Brother ————, late a member of said Lodge, have carefully re-examined the subject, and submit the following resolution—

Resolved, That the form of a Lodge certificate be given to a Brother who, after suspension or expulsion, has been regularly and legally placed in good Masonic standing, shall be as follows, to wit:—

This is to certify that Brother ————, late a member of ———— Lodge, No. —, has ceased to be a member thereof, and is in good Masonic standing. Therefore, we, the Officers of said Lodge do grant him this certificate, and we do cordially recommend him to the kind consideration of the Fraternity throughout the world.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this —— day of ———— 18—, A. L. 58—

{ SEAL. }

—— ——, W. M.
—— ——, S. W.
—— ——, J. W.

Attest. —— ——, *Secretary.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

December 17, 1860.

At an extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at the Masonic Hall on the 17th instant, the Committee on By-Laws presented a report, to the following extracts from which, and the resolutions accompanying the same, your attention is specially invited.

"The Committee on By-Laws respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of enforcing upon the subordinate Lodges a strict attention to the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, in reference to their By-Laws, and greater care and regularity in the form in which they are submitted to the Grand Lodge.

"By the Ahiman Rezon, page 31, Section 6 of the Article on 'Duties of Lodges,' it is provided as follows:

"'Every Lodge has power to frame By-Laws for its own government, provided they be not inconsistent with the gene-

ral regulations of the Grand Lodge. The By-Laws of every subordinate Lodge, therefore, are submitted for the revision of the Grand Lodge, and when approved, a copy must be deposited in its archives; such By-Laws are delivered by the Grand Secretary to the Committee on By-Laws, and by them are reported to the Grand Lodge for its approbation.'

"Some of the Lodges it is believed, from facts which have come to the notice of the Committee, have entirely neglected to observe the requirements of the above provision, and are actually working under By-Laws which have never been submitted to the Grand Lodge, though in some instances adopted by the respective Lodges several years since. This is wholly irregular; every set of By-Laws and every amendment to existing By-Laws, should be forwarded by the Secretary of the Lodge, immediately upon their adoption, to the Grand Lodge, under cover, to the Grand Secretary.

"The very words of the amendments proposed should in all cases be given; and the exact place in the article or section to be amended, in which any proposed alteration is to be made should be specified.

"When 'extracts' from 'the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge' are printed, the only proper source from which such 'extracts' can be taken is the present Ahiman Rezon, as adopted in June, 1857; and the 'extracts' should be literal, and refer to the page of the printed volume upon which they are to be found.

"The requirement that a copy of the By-Laws, when approved, must be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge is even more generally neglected or disregarded, a strict compliance is indispensable to a proper supervision of the Grand Lodge over the proceedings of the subordinate Lodges, and to a prompt and efficient discharge of the duties incumbent upon this Committee.

"The form and manner in which By-Laws and amendments are submitted to the Grand Lodge for its approval, is in many cases exceedingly loose and objectionable. Sometimes a printed copy is sent, and if any alterations are made by the Grand Lodge, it involves the mutilation and disfigurement of the whole edition. And it is believed that frequently no re-

gard whatever is paid to the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises. Oftentimes By-Laws or amendments are sent to the Grand Lodge written upon loose sheets of paper, not attached together in any way; and in very many instances their adoption by the Lodge is not certified to the Grand Lodge, even by the Secretary's signature.

"The Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions, and ask their adoption by the Grand Lodge.

"1st, Resolved, That upon the adoption of any subordinate Lodge of any By-Laws or amendments, alterations, or additions thereto, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Lodge immediately to forward to the Grand Lodge, under cover addressed to the Grand Secretary, *two* copies of such By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or additions, certified by him under the seal of the Lodge; and his certificate shall embody so much of the minutes of the Lodge as relates to the proposal and adoption of such By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or additions; such certificate to be on the same paper with, or securely attached to said copies respectively, one of said copies to be returned to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary, with a statement of the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, and the other to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

"2d, Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge be allowed to print any By-Laws or amendments, alterations or additions thereto, until the same have received the approval of the Grand Lodge; and that when printed the same shall state upon the title page the fact of such approval with its date.

"3d, Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the subordinate Lodges to promptly forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of the By-Laws, and of every amendment, alteration, or addition thereto, when approved, (if printed, a printed copy,) to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge; and that such of the Lodges as have not already done so, be required forthwith to forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of their respective By-Laws, as approved by the Grand Lodge, and now in force, (if printed, a printed copy.)

"4th, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and send as early as practicable, a circular to each of

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the subordinate Lodges, calling their attention to the above recommendations, and containing a copy of these resolutions; and that such circular be read in open Lodge, and spread at length upon the minutes."

"Whereupon the report was accepted, and the resolutions unanimously adopted."

June 3, 1861.

The following Report from the Committee on Land-marks was read, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master,
Officers, and Members of the G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the application of ———— Lodge, asking information and direction in the case of a candidate for initiation and membership, who was duly approved at a meeting of said Lodge, but before his initiation at a subsequent meeting objection was made by a member to his admission, and propounding certain questions in relation to the same, respectfully report—

The following, in answer to the proposed interrogatories, which will also embrace the information and direction required by the Lodge.

To the first question. Should not all charges affecting the character of a candidate after his election or approval be made in open Lodge, and in the usual form, specifying the particulars?

Answer. The recognized practice of the Grand Lodge has heretofore been, and our general regulations in this respect, requiring, in the most peremptory manner, among other qualifications, that of "Good Report," have fully warranted the conclusion, that this course should not be insisted upon or demanded, and that without the full and free exercise of the privilege of objection, at any time previous to initiation, the harmony of the Lodge cannot be maintained, or the introduction of bad material prevented; that the open objection to an applicant before the Lodge at any time previous to initiation is sufficient to close the door against his admission without reasons being assigned by the objector; that the reasons

which have influenced his decision are with himself and his own conscience, and should be regarded as equally sacred with the right to the use of the black ball at the time of ballot; unanimity before initiation, and a majority to advance, being the settled principle on which the action of the Lodge is based.

To the second question. Has not the Worshipful Master the right to enter a candidate after a unanimous ballot, or advance one already entered, unless specified charges are brought against the applicant in open Lodge?

Answer. The Worshipful Master has the undoubted right to enter in such case, and the principle above stated in reply to the first question will govern the proceedings afterwards.

Third question. Is the mere objection (whether factious or otherwise) made by a member to the initiation or advancement of a candidate, stated privately to the Worshipful Master, sufficient to compel him to stop the proceedings when the W. M. is satisfied no valid impediment exists?

The answer to this question will be found in the replies to the preceding ones, in which the discrimination between the initiation of a candidate, and his right to be advanced when initiated, is laid down and recognized as a settled principle and usage of the Order.

Fourth question. If a member has the right to arrest proceedings, as above stated, by simply objecting, how long a time should the Lodge be compelled to suspend its action, or await the withdrawal of said objection, and what course of action should the Lodge take?

To this question we answer, so long as the member objecting persists in his determination.

Fifth question. Can the applicant in the position that ——— now occupies withdraw his petition, he having been approved and there being no charges pending against him before the Lodge?

To this question we answer, that the petition cannot be withdrawn; the applicant is in the position of a rejected candidate, and cannot therefore renew his application so long as this disability continues.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

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After considerable interchange of opinion, on motion of Past Grand Master, Brother ————, and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That it is the fundamental regulation of this Grand Lodge, that the objection of any one member of the Lodge shall be sufficient to prevent the initiation of a candidate even after approval; and after initiation, the advancement shall be within the control of the Lodge itself, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

June 3, 1861.

To the R. W. Grand Master,
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the case of ————, who was rejected in Lodge No. ——, upon his application for initiation and membership, and who now desires to apply for the same privileges in Lodge No. ——, respectfully report—

That in this, as well as in all other cases of a similar nature, where an applicant residing in a foreign jurisdiction has been rejected, either by a failure to obtain a unanimous or other vote necessary to his acceptance, upon his application for initiation, or upon the ballot for any of the subsequent degrees in Masonry, and who has subsequently removed from such jurisdiction and become a permanent resident under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, upon satisfactory evidence being furnished from the Lodge in which such rejection occurred, that the regulations of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction therein, and the By-Laws of said Lodge do not prohibit the applicant from applying to any other Lodge for the same purpose, that then, and in all such cases, the clause contained in our form of application for initiation and membership, may be modified so as to read thus:

"That I do not now, or at this present time, stand rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge."

And such application may be received by any Lodge under this jurisdiction, with full authority and power to proceed legally to act upon the same.

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They therefore offer the following resolution—

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted as the sense of this Grand Lodge for its future government in such cases, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report and the resolution attached were, on motion duly made, adopted *Nemine Contradicente.*

June 3, 1861.

The following was referred to Committee on Land-marks.

To the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brothers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. Y. Masons—

Sirs and Brothers:—Your petitioner, a Past Master of Lodge No. ——, under your jurisdiction, begs leave to present his appeal from what he conceives to be an unjust and unlawful decision made by the Worshipful Master of Lodge No —— on the 14th of May, inst., and also from the objections made by a Brother to the initiation of a candidate after he has been duly elected, and bases his appeal upon the rules laid down in the Ahiman Rezon, page 35.

He also begs to make the following statement, which, by referring to the extracts from the minutes of the Lodge hereto annexed, will be found to embrace the whole subject.

On the 13th of February last the petition of ————, for initiation and membership was presented to our Lodge, and as is usual, the Worshipful Master asked,

"What action will be taken upon the petition?"

A motion was made and seconded in Master's Lodge that the petition be referred to a committee.

A vote was taken on this motion, and no Brother making any objection, the W. M. appointed three Master Masons on said Committee.

On the 12th of March last, this Committee made report in writing in favor of admitting the candidate. A ballot was taken and the applicant duly elected. On the 14th of May, inst., the candidate presented himself for initiation, when Brother ———— objected to his being initiated.

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Your appellant and other members of the Lodge desired the Brother to give his reasons for objecting, but he did not do so, and the W. M. decided—

"That the candidate could not be initiated, and that the Brother objecting need not give any reason for so doing."

And although the Master refused to initiate the candidate, the Lodge, by a vote, refused to refund the money, on the ground that the applicant had been duly proposed, balloted for, and elected, and that the money belonged to the Lodge.

By referring to the minutes of the 13th of February, it will be seen that ———— was present at the time ———— was proposed, and when the Committee was appointed. If he had any objections to the individual, then was the time to make them known. If he did not see proper to do so then, he knew who were on the Committee, one of whom resides in his neighborhood, it was his duty to make his objections known to that Committee; not doing this, he had still another remedy—that of appearing on the 12th of March and casting a black ball.

Having neglected all these opportunities, your appellant is of the opinion that he has no right to make an objection when the candidate presents himself for initiation, unless some charge had been brought against the individual, or he had been guilty of some offence unworthy of a Mason after his election. That in any case it was his duty to make a regular charge against the individual, giving his reasons for objecting and that the Lodge were the proper persons to decide upon the merits of the case.

The Worshipful Master should have required ———— to file his objections or make them known in the Lodge, and should not have refused to initiate the candidate without some good cause.

At the meeting on the 14th of May, when ———— presented himself, the two recommenders, and the whole of the Committee who signed the report, as well as all the members who voted for him on the 12th of March were present in the, meeting. By their action, they have said that the person in question came under the tongue of good report, while only one individual says he does not.

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We would ask your honorable body, whether the opinions of all these are to be laid aside, and the candidate is to be debarred merely because one man may have some personal or private animosity to gratify, which, if presented to the Lodge would not be deemed sufficient reason to keep the individual out of the Lodge.

A copy of the petition of ———— is herewith transmitted, by which it will be seen that he has complied with all the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, and in the opinion of your appellant is to all intents and purposes a fit subject for initiation and advancement, until charges of conduct unbecoming a Mason are duly preferred and acted upon by the Lodge, and that no such charges having been made, it was the duty of the Master to initiate him when he presented himself for that purpose.

Your petitioner would respectfully ask your honorable body in what position this candidate will be placed if the decision of the Master of No. —— is sustained.

He cannot be initiated in this Lodge so long as ——— sees proper to keep him out, yet there are no charges against him. Or suppose he presents himself to the Lodge when ———— is not present, if there are no objections to his being initiated, will it be presumed that ———— has been reconciled, and that he is satisfied that he be admitted. In that case, can the W. Master refuse to initiate him. Or, should he see proper to make application to another Lodge for admission, what course will they pursue? "*He has not been rejected* by any regularly constituted Lodge," and can sign the petition; can they initiate him, or will he have to come to the nearest and most convenient Lodge to his residence and place of business.

As this is probably the first case of the kind that has arisen, (at least in the knowledge of your petitioner) he humbly hopes that you will take some action on the subject, and that your decision may be published to the different Lodges for their guidance in future.

On the foregoing the Committee on Land-marks made the following Report, which was approved, and the resolutions thereunto attached were adopted.

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To the R. W. G. Master, Officers, and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother ————, against the action of the W. M. of Lodge No. —, in refusing to confer the degrees on ———, an applicant for initiation and membership, also the refusal of the Lodge to refund the initiation fee, respectfully report—

That the action of the W. M. refusing to initiate ————, after objection had been made in open Lodge, is sustained.*

"Upon the general principle that the men made Masons must be freeborn, (or no bondmen,) of mature age, and of good report, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered at the time of their making. But no woman, no eunuch."

Also that the Lodge be directed to refund the money deposited by ————.

The Committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Lodge No. —, be directed not to initiate ———, while any objection is made by any member.

Resolved, That Lodge No. — be directed to refund ———, the money paid in advance on account of initiation fee.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

* When an objection is made, notice should be given to the Grand Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Henry M. Phillips, directed the following instructions to be forwarded to all the District Deputy Grand Masters—

You will keep the record-book now sent you, and insert therein everything relating to Masonry occurring within your district, which you deem important or useful to be known. Your visits to the Lodges and each application for a dispensation, together with your action thereon, should be carefully entered. The book is the property of the Grand Lodge, and must be sent to the Grand Secretary for the examination of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, before the 10th of December in every year.

When application is made to you for a dispensation *for any purpose*, you will endorse thereon your action and immediately forward the application to the Grand Secretary.

When application is made to you for a dispensation to Enter, Pass, and Raise, or to do either of them, you will be careful to see the applicant *personally*, to read to him carefully the application, and to be sure that in these respects himself and his application are right.

Such dispensation must be granted only to a resident of the district of which you have charge, and be for no other reason than that set forth in the form published in the Ahiman Rezon at page 104, to wit: "It appearing that he is about to leave the State, and cannot wait the usual delays required by your By-Laws." And in every case you must receive and pay to the Grand Lodge the price of any dispensation by you. In every case you must be satisfied with the cause of delay in making the application, and this explanation should be entered upon the record-book of your district.

A dispensation to Pass the Chair should be granted only to

a Master Mason of six months standing, belonging to a Lodge within your district, and to be acted upon in that Lodge only.

You must satisfy yourself that the applicant is sufficiently advanced to do the work of the Chair, that being the original qualification for this privilege.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master expects and will require a strict compliance with these regulations, which are established by him for the purpose of uniform action throughout the Jurisdiction.

The R. W. Grand Master's Instructions to subordinate Lodges.

To ———, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, LODGE No. —,

Dear Sir and Brother—The Right Worshipful Grand Master has established the following Regulations, which you will have read in your Lodge, and spread upon its minutes at the next meeting after the receipt of this, and which he expects you will see duly enforced:

"The Secretary of each Lodge within this jurisdiction is required, immediately after the meeting at which any such transaction occurs, to transmit to the Grand Secretary, properly attested with the seal of the Lodge, a *Statement* of each application for initiation or membership; of each dispensation acted upon, specifying the full action of the Lodge; the name, age, residence and occupation of the person acted upon; of each suspension, rejection, or unfavorable report."

And further: "It shall be the duty of the Committee appointed upon an application for initiation or membership, to see the applicant personally, to read to him carefully his application, and to be assured that in these respects himself and his application are right."

LIST OF THE LODGES

Formerly working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but which, from various causes, have ceased labor.

Nos. 1, 4, 13, 53, 73, 127, 128, 139 and 160 were held in Philadelphia.

The warrant of No. 1, (being also No. 89 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of London,) is that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and became vacant Sept. 25, 1786.

Nos. 5, 14, 18, 33, 44, 63 and 96 were held in the State of Delaware, and some of them helped to form the Grand Lodge of that State. Another Lodge No. 18 was held in a British Regiment of Foot, from which the last Communication was received from Shelburne in June, 1786. The vacancy was filled by the No. 18 above mentioned.

Nos. 6, 7, 15, 17, 29, 34, 35 and 37 were held in Maryland, and a portion of them assisted in forming the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Nos. 10, 23, and 32 were held in New Jersey, and joined the Grand Lodge of that State.

No. 19 was held in the First Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery, in the U. S. service; warrant surrendered in 1784, and vacancy filled by the present No. 19.

No. 20 was the North Carolina Regimental Lodge, vacated 1783.

Nos. 27, 38, 40 and 47 held at Charleston, and joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Another No. 27 was a military Lodge held in the Maryland Line, vacated 1783.

Nos. 12, 39 and 41 were held in Virginia; the two former joined the Grand Lodge of that State.

Nos. 28 and 29, were held in the Pennsylvania Line, and No. 36 in the New Jersey Brigade.

No. 42 was held at Savannah, and joined the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Nos. 47, (a second of that number,) 87, 88, 89, 95, 97, 98 and 99 were held in St. Domingo.

No. 58 was held in the Army of the U. S. and nearly all the members, it is said, were killed in the expedition under Gen. St. Clair.

No. 77 was held at Port d'Espange, Trinidad.

No. 78 was held at Old Mingo Town, N. W. Territory.

Nos. 90, 93, 112, 117, 118, 122 and 129 were held at New Orleans, and all but the first mentioned joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Nos. 103, 157, 161, 166, 167, 175 and 181 were held in Cuba, and a portion of them joined the Grand Lodge of Havana.

No. 105, held at Zanesville, joined the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

No. 107 was held at Kaskaskia, Illinois, No. 109 at St. Genevieve, and No. 111 at St. Louis, Mo.

No. 191 was held at Alvarado, in Mexico, No. 205 at Buenos Ayres, and No. 217 at Monte Video, South America.

The number of the Warrant last issued is 344; of this number of Lodges, 167 have ceased, 176 are now in operation, and Nos. 140, 257, and 293 were never constituted.

List of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennyslvania.

YEAR. Dec. 27.	R. W. GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
1838,	Samuel H. Perkins.	Joseph R. Chandler.	Cornelius Stevenson,	Francis Cooper.
1839,	do.	do.	do.	William Barger.
1840,	Joseph R. Chandler.	Cornelius Stevenson.	William Barger.	John W. McGrath.
1841,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1842,	Cornelius Stevenson.	William Barger.	James Page.	Peter Fritz.
1843,	William Barger.	James Page.	Peter Fritz.	William Whitney.
1844,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1845,	James Page.	Peter Fritz.	William Whitney.	Anthony Bournonville.
1846,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1847,	Peter Fritz.	William Whitney.	Anthony Bournonville.	James Hutchinson.
1848,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1849,	William Whitney.	Anthony Bournonville.	James Hutchinson.	Alexander Diamond.†
1850,	do.	do.	do.	Peter Williamson.
1851,	Anthony Bournonville.	James Hutchinson.	Peter Williamson.	John K. Mitchell.
1852,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1853,	James Hutchinson.	Peter Williamson.	John K. Mitchell.	Henry M, Phillips.
1854,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1855,	Peter Williamson.	John K. Mitchell.	Henry M. Phillips.	John Thomson.
1856,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1857,	John K. Mitchell.*	Henry M. Phillps.	John Thomson.	David C. Skerrett.
1858,	Henry M. Philips.	John Thomson.	D. C. Skerrett.	Lucius H. Scott.
1859,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1860,	John Thomson.	D. C. Skerrett.	L. H. Scott.	John L. Goddard.
1861,	do.	do.	do.	do.

* Died April 4, 1858, and H. M. Phillips acted as Grand Master for the balance of the year.
† Died March 3, 1850—Peter Williamson elected in his place.

List of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

YEAR. Dec. 27.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARY.	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
1838,	Robinson R. Moore.	Samuel M. Stewart.	William Barger.	John D. Moore.
1839,	do.	Michael Nesbit.	John D. Moore.	John W. McGrath.
1840,	do.	do.	do.	William Whitney.
1841,	John Thomson.	do.	do.	do.
1842,	do.	do.	William Whitney.	Anthony Bournonville.
1843,	do.	William H. Adams.*	Anthony Bournonville.	John H. Markland.
1844,	do.	do.	do.	Thomas B. Florence,
1845,	do.	do.	Thomas B. Florence.	C. C. Williams.
1846,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1847,	do.	do.	C. C. Williams.	George Griscom.
1848,	do.	do.	do.	do
1849,	do.	do.	Thomas Roney.	Joshua Sperring.
1850,	do.	do.	D. C. Skerrett.	J. Atta Phillips.
1851,	do.	do.	Gustavus Remak.	Edward T. Mott.
1852,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1853,	Thomas E. Baxter.	do.	do.	Richard Vaux.
1854,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1855,	do.	do.	Richard Vaux.	William English.
1856,	James Shields.	do.	do.	do.
1857,	Peter Williamson.	do.	E. W. Keyser.	Joseph T. Thomas.
1858,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1859,	do.	do.	Gustavus Remak.	John L. Goddard.
1860,	do.	do.	Samuel C. Perkins.	George H. Ashton.
1861,	do.	do.	do.	do.

* 1842—M. Nesbit died in May, and Wm. H. Adams was appointed for balance of the year.

List of the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

YEAR. Dec. 27.	GRAND STEWARDS.		GRAND MARSHAL,	G. SWORD BEARER.	GRAND PURSUIVANT.	GRAND TYLER.
1838,	Lambert Keating.	W. Maywig.	William Whitney,	Jacob Steiner.	John Collins.	Chas. Schnider.
1839,	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1840,	do.	do.	Peter Fritz.	do.	do.	do.
1841,	do.	Tobias Buehler.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1842,	do.	do.	John K. Markland.	do.	Thos. B. Florence.	do.
1843,	do.	John J. Krider.	Thos. B. Florence.	do.	C. C. Williams.	do.
1844,	do.	do.	C C. Williams.	do.	Henry G. Smith.	W. B. Schnider.*
1845,	James Simpson.	do.	H. G. Smith.	do.	Robert McCullogh.	do.
1846,	John J. Krider.	James Simpson.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1847,	William English.	do.	Peter Williamson.	do.	William S. Shultz.	do.
1848,	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1849,	John G. Sharp.	Wash. Heinberger,	do.	do.	do.	do.
1850,	Henry Bruner.	C. Bard Reese.	James B. Baggs.	do.	do.	do.
1851,	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1852,	do.	do.	do.	do.	Thos. E. Baxter.	do.
1853,	Alfred Cooper.	do.	Alfred P. Hesser.	Jacob Loudenslager.	Hor. L. Peterson.	do.
1854,	R. Stirling Wilson.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1855,	Joseph T. Thomas.	J. L. Hutchinson.	Jacob Loudenslager.	John L. Goddard.	do.	do.
1856.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
1857,	Wm. W. Thomson.	Samuel C. Perkins.	do.	Thomas F. Betton.	do.	do.
1858,	do.	Adam Mang.	do.	Hor. L. Peterson.	Geo. H. Ashton.	do.
1859,	James Ferguson.	do.	do.	Chas. Bard Reese.	do.	do.
1860,	do.	do.	do.	Jas. Simpson.	C. Bard Reese.	do.
1861,	do.	do.	do.	do.	Chas. M. Prevost.	do.

* 1844, June 28—Charles Schnider died. Wm. B. appointed for balance of the year.

APPENDIX C.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE

AHIMAN REZON,

OR

BOOK OF THE CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Adopted June 15, 1857;

AND ALSO FROM

THE DECISIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE AND FROM THE ANCIENT CHARGES.

TOGETHER WITH

FORMS FOR THE BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

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DAVID C. SKERRETT, R. W. Grand Master,
in trust for the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, adopted September 7th and December 21st, 1863, and March 7th, 1864.

Resolved, That the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to select such Extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary or useful for the guidance and government of subordinate Lodges in their duties as separate Lodges; and that hereafter no subordinate Lodge shall incorporate either *verbatim* or in substance any such Extracts in their By-Laws.

Resolved, That hereafter each subordinate Lodge shall be required to have said Extracts, and no other, printed and bound with their By-Laws.

Resolved, That the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to prepare and have printed a series of forms of By-Laws on all the subjects upon which By-Laws may be enacted by subordinate Lodges, together with such suggestions in reference to framing and enacting By-Laws as may be useful; and that two copies of the same be sent by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge under this jurisdiction, and two copies with the warrant of constitution of each Lodge which shall be hereafter constituted by the Grand Lodge; and that the subordinate Lodges be directed in framing their By-Laws or amendments of the same to conform strictly to such forms in all By-Laws or amendments they may enact upon the same subjects respectively.

Resolved, That every Lodge which has heretofore adopted a set of By-Laws, shall, before printing the same or any new edition thereof, amend said By-Laws in conformity with these Resolutions, and forward the same, so amended, to the Grand Lodge for approval.

Resolved, That the selection of Extracts from the Ahiman Rezon, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge, and from the Ancient Charges, reported by the Committee on By-Laws, be approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the forms and suggestions as to the framing and enacting of By-Laws, reported by the Committee on By-Laws, be approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

A true Extract from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

EXTRACTS.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

EVERY legitimate Lodge of Masons in this State, works under a warrant from this Grand Lodge.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 26.

JEWELS, &c.

The jewels of the subordinate Lodges are of silver, the hangings and trimmings blue, the aprons white. The masonic dress is a black suit and white gloves.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 11.

Resolved, That the regalia of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, procured from and after the passage of this resolution, shall be as follows, to wit:—

APRONS.

ENTERED APPRENTICE—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

FELLOW CRAFT—A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition of sky blue rosettes at the bottom, and blue strings.

MASTER MASON—The same, with sky blue lining, and edging one inch and a half deep on the bottom and sides, and one inch deep at the top and round the flap, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

OFFICERS—Master Mason's apron with the emblems of their offices in silver or white, in the centre of the apron.

MASTER—The Master's apron with the emblem of his office in white or silver in the centre, and in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two

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inches and a half each, and the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron.

PAST MASTER—The same as the apron of the Master of the Lodge, with the Past Master's emblem in white or silver in the centre.

JEWELS.

Master	The Square.
Past Master	The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Prop. 1st Book of Euclid engraved on a silver plate pendant within it.
Senior Warden	The Level.
Junior Warden	The Plumb.
Treasurer	The Cross Keys.
Secretary	The Cross Pens.
Deacons	The Dove.
Masters of Ceremony	The Cross Rods.
Tyler	The Sword.

The above named Jewels to be in silver, and suspended from the neck by a light blue ribbon.

Resolved, That no Brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge, without the regalia appropriate to his rank.—Resolutions adopted June 7, 1852, *Decisions*, pp. 18, 19.

ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

On the stated meeting of the lodge next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year, the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected by ballot, conducted according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 27.

The elective Grand Officers are chosen by ballot at the quarterly communication, next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, yearly. A majority of the whole number of votes given is necessary for a choice. But if, on the first ballot, no choice be made, a second shall be had, confined where the votes are unequal, to the two highest on the return; and where there are three or more candidates, one having a plurality of the votes, and two or more an equal number of votes, then confined to such candidates; and where the votes are equal, to those having an equal number of votes. If, on the second ballot, there be no election, the contest between the candidates in either of the above contingencies, shall be determined by lot.—*Ibid.*, p. 9.

The Master and Wardens are, if practicable, to be duly installed on or before such St. John the Evangelist's Day.

No officer shall enter upon his duties until he has been regularly installed. But the old officers, who have been regularly installed, continue in office until their successors be duly qualified.

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In case of the death of the Master and Wardens, or their removal from this jurisdiction, the Grand Master may, by dispensation, permit a special election, to fill their places until the next stated election.

No brother can be elected Master of a lodge, who has not been elected and served as Warden of a lodge in this jurisdiction, except in extraordinary cases, or, at the formation of a new lodge, when no Past Warden who is willing and qualified to act as Master, is to be found among the members. In such cases, three Master Masons who have served in no former office, may be constituted Master and Wardens.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 27, 28.

The Grand Officers, a Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren in relation to an election for officers, reported—

That the election in December last was set aside, the same having been conducted contrary to their By-Laws and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge; and the said lodge was directed to hold another election for officers at their next stated meeting.

The reasons for the above decision are obvious. The By-Laws of a lodge are sacred, and may not be set aside at will; on this occasion they seem, by common consent, to have been disregarded. To sanction the election under such circumstances would be, in effect, to encourage the lodge in the violation of its own By-Laws, a step which no good Mason could approve, and the strictness of the Order will not permit the Committee to adopt.—March 6, 1843, *Decisions*, p. 5.

The Committee notice with regret, the too prevailing neglect in the lodges under this jurisdiction to enforce (when there is ability in a brother to liquidate his dues) the salutary provision in the By-Laws pre-requisite to the exercise of the privileges of suffrage, a requisition wisely intended by our Masonic ancestors to supply the Fountain of Charity, and effectually promote the noblest object of the Masonic family.

It appeared also that some of the lodges are in the habit, at the meetings for election, of setting aside, by vote, the article in their By-Laws requiring the payment of dues previous to voting; this course is fully as reprehensible as the other, if not more so, and at war with the principles of the Order.

The practice also of admitting members by the Junior Warden, when the lodge is called off to prepare for the election, is improper, and in many instances the members so admitted are permitted to vote without paying their dues, as the dues are collected previous to going into the election. A course so pernicious in its effects, and striking at the prosperity of the Order, should at once be abandoned, and never permitted to occur again. —*Ibid.*, pp. 6, 7.

OFFICERS.

The Masonic Officers of the lodge are, the Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, and Tyler, to which, for the better regulation of the lodge, may be added other officers, such as Chaplain, Stewards, Masters of Ceremonies, &c.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 27.

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MASTER.

It is the special duty of the Master to enforce the observance of the By-Laws of his lodge, and of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge; to see that his Wardens discharge their duties faithfully; that true and exact minutes be made of all lodge proceedings; that the Treasurer keeps and renders true and just accounts at stated times, according to the By-Laws and orders of the lodge; and that the property and funds of the lodge be justly managed and dispensed.

It is also his duty, and that of his Wardens, to attend all communications of his Grand Lodge. He is empowered to call a meeting of his own lodge at pleasure. He has the special charge of the warrant of constitution, which must always be in the lodge, when it is opened, and during its labors. To him belongs the appointment of all the officers of the lodge not elective.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 28.

It is the special and bounden duty of the Master of a lodge to enforce the By-Laws; yet, how often does a false delicacy prevent him so doing. When the question is one of a pecuniary nature, he should permit them on no account to be infringed.—March 6, 1843, *Decisions*, p. 5.

In every instance when a violation of the By-Laws is permitted by the W. M. of a lodge, a protest should be promptly entered at the time, and notice given of an intention to apply to the Grand Lodge, and this application should be presented in form, at the Quarterly Communication succeeding the occurrence; the case then coming up will be fresh for investigation, and the facts be of easy access.—*Ibid.*, p. 6.

WARDENS.

Master Masons only, can be Wardens of a lodge. In case of death, resignation or absence of the Master, the Wardens, according to rank, supply his place until the next stated election.

The business of the Wardens in the lodge is to assist the Master in conducting its labors.

The Master and Wardens, when unable to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge, may nominate and send a brother of their lodge, who has served in the same, or some higher office, with their jewels, to represent them in the Grand Lodge; the Master sending a Past Master, and the Wardens, Past Wardens or Past Masters as their representatives.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 29.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer is required by the Master to keep an exact account of moneys received, and to pay the same on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the lodge, which shall be signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary. He is to keep regular entries of his receipts and expenditures, and to have his books and vouchers always ready for exam-

ination, at such periods as the By-Laws require, or whenever called upon by order of the Master or the lodge.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 29.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a register of all the transactions of the lodge proper to be committed to writing, that they may be submitted to the Master or a committee of his lodge, and to the Grand Lodge, whenever required. He shall preserve a copy of the By-Laws of his lodge, and of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members of the lodge, and the dates of their initiation or admission. He shall make a record of all the deaths, expulsions, suspensions, or rejections and resignations in his own lodge, and those communicated by the Grand Lodge. Transmitting the name or names of the former forthwith to the Grand Secretary.

He is to issue the summonses for all meetings, to make his returns in time and form required by the Grand Lodge, and to perform such other duties as may appertain to his office.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 30.

The Secretary of each lodge within this jurisdiction is required, immediately after the meeting at which any such transaction occurs, to transmit to the Grand Secretary, properly attested with the seal of the lodge, a *Statement* of each application for initiation or membership; of each dispensation acted upon, specifying the full action of the Lodge; the name, age, residence and occupation of the person acted upon; of each suspension, rejection, or unfavorable report.—*Decisions*, p. 44.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The duties of the remaining officers of the lodge are analogous to those of the corresponding officers in the Grand Lodge.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 30.

DUTIES OF LODGES.

A lodge not distinguished by a name or a title, being desirous of taking one, must, for that purpose, procure the approbation of the Grand Master, and the name must be registered with the Grand Secretary. No lodge is permitted to alter its name without the like approbation and registry.

A lodge should assemble for work at least once in every calendar month.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 30.

Communications commence at 7 o'clock in the evening from March 25th to September 25th, and at 6 o'clock in the evening from September 25th to March 25th.—*Ibid.*, p. 8.

The stated place of meeting of a lodge is commonly inserted in its warrant, but should circumstances at any one time render such a place of meeting improper, the Master may convene the lodge at some other place, if within the limits named in the warrant. But no lodge can be removed without the Master's knowledge, nor any motion made for that purpose unless he be present. When a motion is made to change the stated place of meeting of the lodge, and is seconded by two members, a summons

shall be issued to every member, stating the proposition for removal, and assigning a day for hearing and determining upon it; such summons to be issued at least ten days before the hearing; and upon such special call, no other business than that designated shall be entered upon. A majority of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to authorize such removal, and when resolved, immediate notice shall be given to the Grand Secretary. The minority may appeal from the vote of the lodge directing such removal, and a hearing will be given to both parties in the Grand Lodge, before such removal be confirmed and registered.

Elections, and all other business and work, are done in a Master Mason's Lodge, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to the lesser degrees.

The majority of members of a lodge when assembled, may instruct their Master and Wardens on any subject to be considered in the Grand Lodge, and such instructions recorded on the minutes of the lodge, shall be binding upon such representatives.

A committee is appointed once in every year to audit and report on the accounts of the lodge.

If a brother by his behavior shall disturb the harmony of the lodge, he is to be thrice formally admonished by the Master; and if he persists in his irregular conduct, he may be punished according to the By-Laws of his lodge; or the Master may command him to quit the lodge for the remaining time of the meeting in which he misbehaves.

No lodge may exclude or suspend a brother at an extra meeting, nor without giving him due notice, if practicable, of the charge preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration.

Every subordinate lodge is required, on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year, to transmit to the Grand Lodge a list of its initiations, passings, raisings, admissions, deaths, rejections, suspensions, and expulsions, with the reasons for such suspension or expulsion, also a list of reinstatements of suspended members, and of expelled members reinstated by authority of the Grand Lodge, together with a return of the election of officers to the Grand Communication next following such election.

Every lodge within the State failing to make such return on or before the first Monday of March, is notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such returns be not received by him within three months from the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting lodge is, *ipso facto*, suspended.

When a lodge is dissolved, it is the duty of the last Secretary and Treasurer, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Secretary, the warrant, books and papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of such lodge; and the last presiding officer is to transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and be responsible for the execution of this article. No brother of such lodge shall be admitted into any other lodge, nor entitled to the benefits of Masonry, until he has paid all arrears due from him to such lodge, to the Grand Treasurer, or has had the same remitted by the Grand Lodge.

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Every subordinate lodge is to have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to its certificates and other documents proper for publication. An impression from such seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and due notice is to be given him of any change in such seal, with an impression from the substitute.

No lodge or brother is permitted to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the whole, or any part of the proceedings of any lodge. Nor shall any brother publish any work or discourse relative to Masonry, without previously obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge.

No brother, unless duly elected Master of a lodge, can pass the chair without dispensation, legally issued.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 30—34.

The members of the subordinate lodges should rise at the entrance of *Grand* Officers, of Past Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters, and Worshipful Masters of Lodges.—September 5, 1853, *Decisions*, p. 21.

MEMBERS.

The requisite qualifications for initiation and membership in a lodge are that the applicant be of good report, free born, of mature age, hale and sound, so as to be capable of gaining a livelihood for himself and family, and to perform the work of a member in the lodge. He must also have some visible means of an honest livelihood.

He must apply for admission by petition at a stated meeting at least one month prior to his reception, recommended by two Master Masons, members of the lodge, such petition stating his age, occupation and residence, and that he has not been rejected by any regular lodge,* and that he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being. A Committee of Inquiry of three Master Masons, members of the lodge, neither of whom is a recommender, is appointed on such application, who, reporting favorably, the candidate is balloted for on a stated night of meeting, and receiving a unanimous vote, is declared to be approved.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 34, 35.

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* That in all cases where an applicant residing in a foreign jurisdiction has been rejected, either by a failure to obtain a unanimous or other vote necessary to his acceptance, upon his application for initiation, or upon the ballot for any of the subsequent degrees in Masonry, and who has subsequently removed from such jurisdiction and become a permanent resident under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, upon satisfactory evidence being furnished from the Lodge in which such rejection occurred, that the regulations of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction therein, and the By-Laws of said Lodge, do not prohibit the applicant from applying to any other Lodge for the same purpose, that then, and in all such cases, the clause contained in our form of application for initiation and membership, may be modified so as to read thus:—

"That I do not now, or at this present time, stand rejected by any regularly constituted lodge."

And such application may be received by any lodge under this jurisdiction, with full authority and power to proceed legally to act upon the same. —June 3, 1861, *Decisions*, p. 38.

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It shall be the duty of the committee appointed upon an application for initiation or membership, to see the applicant personally, to read to him carefully his application, and to be assured that in these respects himself and his application are right.—*Decisions*, p. 44.

An applicant for initiation or membership, may withdraw his petition before report made thereon or afterwards, if the report be favorable.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 35.

Resolved, That when an unfavorable report is made by the committee, and that report is accepted, it is equivalent to a black ball, and no ballot is necesssary.—March 5, 1849, *Decisions*, p. 15.

Resolved, That an unfavorable report of a committee on a petition for initiation and membership is a rejection of a candidate, and that he should be so returned by the lodge to the Grand Lodge, stating in the return that the committee report unfavorably.—September 3, 1849, *Ibid.*, p. 16.

Whether an applicant for initiation and membership, who has presented a petition in due form, which has been referred to the proper committee, who have reported favorably, and their report been accepted and the committee discharged, and the candidate balloted for and duly approved; but before he is actually initiated, such information is received by some of the members of the lodge as to satisfy them that he was not worthy and was not under the term of good Masonic report: whether under those circumstances it is too late to prevent his initiation. In other words, Whether a candidate who is discovered to be unworthy at the last moment, must then be initiated nevertheless.

A moment's reflection will satisfy the Brethren that no man can *enter* the lodge who is not *under the term of good Masonic report;* it is never too late to exclude any such. In fact, the door of Masonry cannot be opened to them, although they stand upon the very threshold, and knock ever so loudly. And if such a one cannot even enter the lodge, much less can he become a member.—February 2, 1857, *Ibid.*, p. 28.

Should not all charges affecting the character of a candidate after his election or approval be made in open Lodge, and in the usual form, specifying the particulars?

Answer. The recognized practice of the Grand Lodge has heretofore been, and our general regulations in this respect, requiring, in the most peremptory manner, among other qualifications, that of "Good Report," have fully warranted the conclusion, that this course should not be insisted upon or demanded, and that without the full and free exercise of the privilege of objection,* at any time previous to initiation, the harmony of the lodge cannot be maintained, or the introduction of bad material prevented; that the open objection to an applicant before the lodge at any time previous to initiation is sufficient to close the door against his admission without

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* When an objection is made, notice should be given to the Grand Secretary.—*Decisions*, p. 42.

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reasons being assigned by the objector; that the reasons which have influenced his decision are with himself and his own conscience, and should be regarded as equally sacred with the right to the use of the black ball at the time of ballot; unanimity before initiation, and a majority to advance, being the settled principle on which the action of the lodge is based.—June 3, 1861, *Decisions*, pp. 36, 37.

With every desire to meet the wishes of our brethren of New Jersey, in view of the many difficulties that present themselves, the Committee can only recommend to this Grand Lodge and its subordinates, a fair, honest, and honorable course in regard to neighboring jurisdictions, and not, unless in extreme cases, receive an application for membership from a person residing in another State, without the consent of the nearest lodge to his residence, and in all our Masonic intercourse keep constantly in view that Divine precept of "doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us."—December, 1857, *Ibid.*, p. 30.

Reports of Committees, if favorable, upon the character and qualifications of a candidate for initiation or membership, must be signed by every member of the Committee, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the lodge that the member of the Committee not signing such report was duly notified of his appointment, and was prevented by sickness, absence, or some other unavoidable cause, from attending the meeting of the Committee, and participating in their report.—March 7, 1859, *Ibid.*, p. 32.

As soon as the petition and report are handed over on the opening of the lodge, the papers become the property of the lodge, and must abide its action. There must be some point of time when the custody of the petition is surrendered by the Committee, and the control of the lodge begins, and that was fixed when the report was handed to the Secretary of the lodge (and it was in his possession when the lodge opened). The power of the Committee over it was then gone. It needed no reading or action of the lodge to make the report complete so far as the Committee was concerned. It had passed from their possession, and there could not, therefore, be "a withdrawal before report made," as is provided by the Ahiman Rezon.—September 6, 1858, *Ibid.*, p. 31.

If an applicant be rejected, a second ballot may be had on the motion of any member duly seconded, made at one stated meeting, and adopted at the next, or at some subsequent meeting. But the ballot so allowed shall be taken at the next stated meeting after the adoption of such motion.

If the application is for membership, the brother must produce a certificate from the lodge to which he last belonged, or other satisfactory proof that he is not already a member of some lodge.

Should an applicant for initiation and membership, or for membership only, neglect to come forward for the space of six months from the time he was balloted for, all proceedings in such case shall be null and void, and a new application must be made, as in the first instance.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 35.

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After an applicant for initiation and membership has been approved and initiated, he is a member, and as such entitled to his remaining degrees, unless objected to, and charges preferred against him in the open lodge; notice of these charges, if practicable, is to be given to the applicant. The lodge may act on the charges directly, or refer them to a committee to inquire, and report at the earliest stated meeting possible. If referred, the lodge is to be notified of the time when the report of the committee will be acted upon.

A majority of the members present shall decide whether the objections have been sustained. If a majority decide that the objections have not been sustained, the lodge will proceed to advance the applicant. The broad principle being unanimity before initiation, and a majority to govern in all matters concerning a brother afterwards.—October 2, 1854, *Decisions*, p. 20.

A candidate shall not receive more than one degree on one day, nor a subsequent degree at a less interval than one month from his reception of a former degree, without dispensation from the Grand Master. But it is recommended to all lodges to require proof of a brother's proficiency in the craft, before he be advanced.

Masons made by dispensation are not thereby members of the lodge in which they are made. To become members, they must be duly proposed, approved, and elected.

Not more than five brethren can be made in one lodge on the same day; nor any one under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation.

The fees for initiation and admission to membership, are such as each lodge ordains for itself, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 36.

The Grand Lodge decided that the fee could not be divided.

That the whole sum was due and payable as soon as the candidate was initiated.

That if, after an applicant's initiation, he did not see fit to take the F. C. and M. M. degrees in the lodge in which he was initiated, he would have to pay an extra charge into the lodge which conferred said degrees upon him subsequently.—December 15, 1856, *Decisions*, p. 26.

A member of a lodge ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension, or resignation.

But no member shall be permitted to withdraw until his dues have been paid or remitted by his lodge, or pending any inquiry in which his character may be implicated.

No brother shall use his certificate, nor expose any Masonic emblem as a sign, in his business transactions.

A brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, may, on the payment of the same, be restored to good Masonic standing by a majority vote of the lodge; and if he is then desirous of joining the lodge from which he was suspended, or any other lodge, he must apply by petition, and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the lodge; which

petition shall be referred to a committee of three Master Masons, neither of whom are recommenders, and at a subsequent stated meeting, the committee having unanimously reported in favor of the petition, a ballot shall be had, and if receiving a unanimous vote, he shall be declared elected.

A brother who has been expelled or suspended from a lodge for any other cause than for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being restored to membership or standing, must apply at a stated meeting to the lodge of which he was last a member, when, if a majority of the lodge shall so decide, the lodge shall request the Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion or suspension; which being removed, the brother may apply for membership in the same manner, and subject to the same regulations, prescribed in the foregoing article.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 36, 37.

SUMMONS.

If any brother be summoned to attend the Grand Lodge, or any committee thereof, and do not comply, or give a sufficient reason for his non-compliance, the summons is to be repeated, and if he continue contumacious, he shall be expelled from the benefits of Masonry.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 34.

The duty of a brother to attend the summons of his lodge is not denied; nor can any Mason, having a proper sense of such duty, fail to obey it. What constitutes that summons is another question. The master of a lodge cannot, of his own motion, summon a brother—this must be done by the action oft hel odge itself, upon a motionm ade, seconded, and adopted. What is the evidence of such action? A copy of the resolution under the seal of the lodge, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary. This is the true Masonic evidence. A summons so prepared, and duly served, would be a regular summons.*—October 16, 1843, *Decisions*, p. 10.

BY-LAWS.

Every lodge has power to frame By-Laws for its own government, provided they be not inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The By-Laws of every subordinate lodge, therefore, are submitted for the revision of the Grand Lodge, and when approved, a copy must be deposited in its archives. Such By-Laws are delivered by the Grand Secretary to the Committee on By-Laws, and by them are reported to the Grand Lodge for its approbation.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 31, 32.

Resolved, That upon the adoption by any subordinate lodge of any By-Laws or amendments, alterations or additions thereto, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such lodge immediately to forward to the Grand Lodge, under cover addressed to the Grand Secretary, *two* copies of such By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or additions, certified by him under the

* Every brother will of course understand that this applies only to a written or printed summons; and that the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of the Order for compelling attendance without any writing or printing are not set aside or infringed.

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seal of the lodge; and his certificate shall embody so much of the minutes of the lodge as relates to the proposal and adoption of such By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or additions; such certificate to be on the same paper with, or securely attached to said copies respectively, one of said copies to be returned to the lodge by the Grand Secretary, with a statement of the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, and the other to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That no subordinate lodge be allowed to print any By-Laws or amendments, alterations or additions thereto, until the same have received the approval of the Grand Lodge; and that when printed the same shall state upon the title page the fact of such approval with its date.

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the subordinate lodges to promptly forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of the By-Laws, and of every amendment, alteration, or addition thereto, when approved (if printed, a printed copy), to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge; and that such of the lodges as have not already done so, be required forthwith to forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of their respective By-Laws, as approved by the Grand Lodge, and now in force (if printed, a printed copy).—Decem. 17, 1860, *Decisions*, p. 35.

VISITORS.

Visitors unknown to the Master, are admitted into subordinate lodges, on motion regularly made, seconded, and adopted, upon the voucher of some brother, either a member or visitor, or after examination. Visitors known to the Master, may, at all times, be admitted by him without motion.

A brother who is not a member of a lodge, shall not be permitted to visit any lodge under this jurisdiction more than once.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 37.

The good order and harmony of a lodge are intrusted to the W. M. for the time being; and it is his duty so to exercise the powers intrusted to him as should best promote these objects.

For this purpose he has power to refuse admittance to any visitor whose admission will destroy the peace and harmony of his lodge, but at the same time he is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the exercise of that power in a paternal and Masonic manner.—June 4, 1855, *Decisions*, pp. 21, 22.

CERTIFICATES.

A lodge certificate is not granted to a brother unless he was initiated therein, or has been admitted a member thereof. Such certificate is signed by the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, and has the seal of the lodge affixed; the brother to whom it is granted subscribes his name at full length in the margin.

No lodge, nor officer, nor member of a lodge, is permitted to grant a certificate or recommendation to enable any Mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief. —*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 37, 38.

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CHARITY.

No brother made in a lodge beyond this jurisdiction, and having been a resident here for three years without joining a lodge, shall be entitled to Masonic relief; nor shall his family be entitled to apply therefor.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 10.

PROCESSIONS.

No funeral or other procession of a subordinate lodge in regalia, shall be had without the approbation of the Grand Master, or his substitute, upon the application of the Master or presiding officer of such lodge; or where a brother shall die, not being a member of any lodge, on the application of five brethren.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 11.

It is optional with each subordinate lodge whether to print with its By-Laws any portion of the **Ancient Charges**; but if any lodge choose so to do, the following are the only selections authorized by the Grand Lodge for that purpose:—

From the Charge to the Master of a Lodge at his Installation.

It is your province to communicate and spread light and instruction to the brethren of the lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Free Masonry, and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practise *out* of the lodge those duties which they have been taught *within* it; and, by amiable, discreet, and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the excellence of the institution. So that when any one is said to be a Free Mason, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, and not be betrayed; to whom distress may prefer its suit, and not be rejected; whom bigotry has never prevented from being the friend of virtuous men of all professions; whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence; who listens to the admonitions of temperance, and the modest voice of humility. In a word, one whose life demonstrates his love of God, and regard for men. Tell them that whatever eloquence they may exert in speaking of the excellence of their Order, it is *their example only* which can recommend them to the esteem of the world.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 43, 44.

From a Charge at the Opening of a Lodge.

If we are united, our society must flourish. Let all private animosities, therefore, if any should exist, give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in the same grand design, let us be happy ourselves, and endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others. Let us promote the useful arts,

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and by that means mark our superiority and distinction. Let us cultivate the moral virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable.

Let the genius of Free Masonry preside over our conduct, and, under her sovereign sway, let us preserve a nobleness and justness of understanding, politeness of manners, and evenness of temper. Let our recreations be innocent, and pursued with moderation; and never let us suffer irregular indulgences to expose our character to derision and contempt. Thus shall we act in conformity to our precepts, and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, a regular, and an uniform society.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 44, 45.

A Charge at the Closing of the Lodge.

Brethren, you are now about to quit the sacred retreat of *friendship* and *virtue*, to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this lodge. Be, therefore, diligent, prudent, temperate, and discreet. And remember, also, that around this altar you have solemnly and repeatedly promised to befriend and relieve, with unhesitating cordiality, so far as shall be in your power, every brother who shall need your assistance; that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation; to vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced; and to suggest in his behalf the most candid, favorable, and palliating circumstances, even when his conduct is justly reprehensible. If you faithfully observe these duties, the world will observe how Free Masons love one another, in obedience to the will of God.

And these generous principles are to extend farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. So that we enjoin it upon you to "do good unto *all*," while we recommend it more especially to "the household of the *faithful*."—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 45, 46.

Charge at Initiation to First Degree.

Brother, you are now admitted by the full and due consent of this lodge, a fellow of our most *ancient* and *honorable* society—*ancient*, as having subsisted from time immemorial—and *honorable*, as tending in every particular to do honor to those who conform to its noble precepts. The greatest monarchs and most exalted heroes and patriots, of all ages and countries throughout the known world, have been encouragers of the royal art; and many of them have presided as Grand Masters of Masons in their respective territories; not thinking it any lessening of their highest dignities to level themselves with their brethren in Masonry, and to act upon the same square as they did.

The world's great Architect is our *Supreme Master*; and the unerring rule he has given us is that by which we work; religious disputes are

never suffered within the lodge; for, as Masons, we only pursue the universal religion, or the religion of nature. This is the centre which unites the most different principles in one sacred band, and brings together those who were the most distant from one another.

There are *three* general heads of duty which Masons ought always to inculcate, viz.: to God, our neighbor, and ourselves;—to God, in never mentioning His name but with that reverential awe which a creature ought to bear to his Creator, and to look upon him always as the *summum bonum* which we came into the world to enjoy, and according to that view to regulate all our pursuits;—to our neighbor, in acting upon the square, or doing as we would be done by;—to ourselves, in avoiding all intemperance and excesses, whereby we may be rendered incapable of following our work, or led into behavior unbecoming our laudable profession, and always keeping within due bounds, and free from all pollution.

In the State, a Mason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful subject, conforming cheerfully to the government under which he lives.

He is to pay a due deference to his superiors; and from his inferiors he is rather to receive honor with some reluctance, than to extort it. He is to be a man of benevolence and charity, not sitting down contented while his fellow creatures (but much more his brethren) are in want, when it is in his power (without prejudicing himself or his family) to relieve them.

In the lodge he is to behave with all due decorum, lest the beauty and harmony thereof should be disturbed or broken; he is to be obedient to the Master and the presiding officers, and to apply himself closely to the business of Masonry, that he may the sooner become a proficient therein, both for his own credit and for that of the lodge.

He is not to neglect his own necessary avocations for the sake of Masonry, nor to involve himself in quarrels with those who through ignorance may speak evil of or ridicule it.

He is to be a lover of the arts and sciences, and is to take all opportunities to improve himself therein.

If he recommends a friend to be made a Mason, he must vouch him to be such as he really believes will conform to the aforesaid duties, lest by his misconduct at any time, the lodge should pass under evil imputations.

Nothing can prove more shocking to all faithful Masons than to see any of their brethren profane the sacred rules of their order; and such as do, they wish had never been admitted.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 46—48.

From a Charge at Passing to the Second Degree.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behavior in our regular assemblies; to preserve the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, sacred and inviolable; and induce others by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

Every regular sign or summons, given or received, you are duly to

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honor, and punctually to obey, as they accord with our professed principles. Such is the nature of your present engagements; and to these duties you are now bound by the most sacred ties.—*Ahiman Rezon*, p. 49.

From a Charge at Raising to the Third Degree.

Duty, honor, and gratitude now bind you to be faithful to your trust; to support the dignity of your character on all occasions; and strenuously to enforce, by precept and example, a steady obedience to the tenets of Free Masonry. Exemplary conduct, on your part, will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges, and that on you our favors are not undeservedly bestowed.

In this respectable character, you are authorized to restrain the irregularities of less informed brethren; to correct their errors; to fortify their minds with resolution against the snares of the insidious, and to guard them against every allurement to vicious practices. To preserve unsullied the reputation of the fraternity ought to be your constant care; and, therefore, it becomes your province to caution the inexperienced against a breach of fidelity.

Our laws and regulations you are to support and maintain, and be ever ready to aid in their execution. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of your brethren, but in the decision on every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with candor, to admonish with friendship, and to reprehend with justice.

You are cheerfully to relieve the necessities of your brethren, to the utmost of your power and ability, without prejudice to yourself or your private concerns. And on no account, are you to injure a brother, or to see him injured; but you are to apprise him of all approaching dangers, and consider his interest as inseparable from your own.

To your inferiors you are to recommend obedience and submission; to your equals, courtesy and affability; to your superiors, kindness and condescension. Universal benevolence you are zealously to inculate; and by the regularity of your own conduct, endeavor to remove every aspersion against this venerable institution. Our ancient landmarks you are carefully to preserve, and not suffer them, on any pretence, to be infringed, or countenance any deviation from our established usages and customs.

Your virtue, honor, and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity, the respectable character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows to God, or betray your trust, but be true and faithful.—*Ahiman Rezon*, pp. 49–51.

FORMS

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_____LODGE, NO.____, A. Y. M.

ARTICLE I.

Meetings.

Section 1. The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the*

Sec. 2. If the Lodge be specially convened in consequence of a Dispensation, or at the instance of a brother to advance him, the expense of such special meeting shall be paid by the party for whose benefit it is called, unless the W. M. considers such meeting necessary for dispatch of business.

Whenever thereunto requested in writing by or more Master Masons, members of the Lodge, it shall be the duty of the W. M. to convene a special meeting.

Sec. 3. No business whatever shall be transacted at a special meeting, except the business for which such meeting is specially called.

ARTICLE II.

Election of Officers.

Section 1. On the night appointed, the election of officers shall be the first business in order after the reading of the Minutes, Reports of Committees, Petitions of Applicants, Balloting for, and Initiation of Candidates in waiting.† *Provided, nevertheless,* that said election shall not be held before o'clock.

Sec. 2. Before proceeding to the Election the Secretary shall read and present to the W. M. a certified list of all those members who are not in

* Insert the days only of meeting; the hours are fixed by general law, *ante*, p. 9; but this applies to *stated* meetings only; *special* or *extra* meetings may be held at such hours as most convenient in each case.

† This order of business in reference to the election may be varied in different lodges; but some order should be specified in the By-Laws.

arrears to the Lodge [in a sum greater than .]* Whereupon, the W. M. shall announce that such members only are eligible to office, and entitled to vote.

Sec. 3. No Visitor shall be admitted on the night of election, until after the election shall have been concluded, except elective officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

Section 1. In addition to the officers required by the Ahiman Rezon, there shall be appointed annually†

Sec. 2. The W. M. shall appoint all standing and special Committees, unless otherwise provided for by these By-Laws, or the Resolutions for the appointment thereof.

He shall have a casting vote on all questions, upon which there may be an equal division of votes, except in the election of officers.

Sec. 3. The *Treasurer* shall receive all moneys which may be paid to the Lodge, other than as dues and fees, and also from the Secretary all such money as he may collect from time to time.

He shall pay all orders drawn upon him by a majority of the Committee of Charity.

His accounts, together with a statement of the finances of the Lodge, shall be laid by him upon the Treasurer's table for the inspection of the members, at the stated meeting next preceding the Annual Election.

He shall give a Bond in favor of the W. M. for the time being, his executors and administrators, for the use of the Lodge, in the penal sum of $, with one or more sufficient sureties, conditioned for the due performance of his trust.‡

Sec. 4. The *Secretary* shall in the notices for each stated meeting, set forth the name, age, residence and occupation of every applicant for initiation and membership, or for membership only, whose application is then pending, together with the names of the recommending brethren, and of the committees of inquiry.

In the notices for the stated meeting next preceding the Annual Election, he shall notify each brother of the amount of his arrearages, including the dues up to the St. John's day, next succeding such meeting; and said notices shall have printed therein Section 3 of Article VI. of these By-Laws.

He shall furnish every member with a copy of the By-Laws.

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* The clause within brackets may be omitted, if desired.

† Here insert the titles of such additional officers, as Stewards, Pursuivant, Chaplain, &c., as each Lodge may choose.

‡ The Treasurer may, if the Lodge choose so to provide by its By-Laws, be exempt from dues, or otherwise compensated for his services.

He shall, when necessary, give the notice required of proposed amendments or alterations of these By-Laws.

He shall furnish in writing to the first named on each committee, as soon as possible, a list of the committee and a short abstract of the business to which its attention is directed, with the papers relating thereto; which papers the brother so first named shall be answerable for, and shall return with the report of the committee.

He shall keep the accounts of dues and fees between the Lodge and each member respectively; and receive all the moneys which may be paid to this lodge as dues or fees; shall report the amount of money received at each meeting, and the persons from whom received, and pay the same over to the Treasurer *forthwith*, taking his receipt therefor; and shall perform all such services appertaining to his office as the Lodge shall direct.

For which services he shall be exempt from all dues, and shall receive one dollar for each initiation.*

Sec. 5. The *Tyler* shall deliver the notices for all meetings of the Lodge, or of its officers or committees, and shall do such other services connected with his office as the Lodge may require, and as a compensation shall receive *one dollar and fifty cents* every meeting that he may attend to the duties of his office, and *one dollar* for each initiation.†

ARTICLE IV.

Applications.

Section 1. On the rejection of an applicant for initiation and membership, no member or visitor shall disclose the name of any brother who may have opposed his admission, under the penalty, if a member, of expulsion; and if a visitor, of never being permitted to visit this Lodge again, or to become a member thereof. And that none present may remain ignorant of this By-Law, the W. M. shall cause it to be read immediately after the rejection of a candidate.

Sec. 2. All petitions for initiation or membership shall be accompanied with $, which sum shall be considered a part of the fee. If the petition be withdrawn or the candidate is rejected, the money shall be returned; but if approved or elected, and he does not come forward within months thereafter, it shall be forfeited to the Lodge.

Sec. 3. An applicant for initiation and membership who has been rejected shall be immediately notified thereof in writing by the Secretary.‡

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* The compensation of the Secretary and Tyler should be fixed in the By-Laws, but may be a specified annual amount as a salary, or in any form that may be preferred by the Lodge.

† The services to be performed by the Tyler may be more specifically defined in the By-Laws, if preferred.

‡ The By-Laws may provide that this notification shall be given by the recommending brethren; but it comes more appropriately from the Secretary in his official capacity.

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ARTICLE V.

Fees.

Section 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall be as follows, viz:—

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, in addition to the expenses of the Dispensation . . . . $
For Initiation and Membership . . . . $

For the admission to membership of brother Masons, as follows, viz:—

For the admission of an Entered Apprentice . . . . $
" " " Fellow Craft . . $
" " " Master Mason . . . $

Which fees, subject nevertheless to the provisions of Sec. 2, Art. IV, shall in all cases be payable in advance.

Sec. 2. Should a brother who has received his degrees in this Lodge by dispensation, be desirous of membership, he shall pay for his admission the sum of $.*

Sec. 3. A brother who has resigned, or been suspended or expelled from this Lodge, shall, on being readmitted, pay the sum of $, and all arrearages of dues, if any, unless they shall have been remitted.

ARTICLE VI.

Dues.

Section 1. Every member, not exempt by a vote of the Lodge, or by these By-Laws, shall pay on each stated night of meeting . *Provided, however,* that any member who shall be absent from the city for a period of not less than consecutive shall for the time of such absence be charged with half dues only.†

Sec. 2. No member who shall, at the time of holding the annual election for officers, be in arrears to the Lodge [in a sum greater than $] shall be eligible to any office, or permitted to vote, until all his arrears [above the sum of $] have been paid, or remitted by a vote of the Lodge.‡

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* The By-Laws of any Lodge may, if preferred, provide for the admission of a brother who has received his degrees therein by dispensation, without the payment of any fee, if he makes application for membership within a limited period, to be fixed in the By-Laws.

† The dues of members may, if preferred by any Lodge, be fixed at a certain annual sum, payable quarterly, semi-annually, or otherwise; and other cases may be specified, if desired, in which members shall be chargeable with half dues only. No Lodge should fix the dues at a lower rate than twenty-five cents per month.

‡ The clauses within brackets may be omitted, if desired.

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Sec. 3. Any member being in arrears to the Lodge [in a sum greater than $]§ upon the night of the annual election, and neglecting or refusing to pay the same, after he has been duly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge thereon, may be suspended from membership, unless it appears that he has been absent from the city months, or has had his dues remitted. *Provided, however,* that before any member be suspended, it shall satisfactorily appear to the Lodge that such member has received due notice as required by Sec. 4, Art. III., of these By-Laws, or that it was impossible to serve him with such notice.

Sec. 4. *Life Membership.*—Any member of this Lodge who shall pay, over and above all arrearages of dues, initiation, or admission fees, the sum of $; or, if a member of years' standing, the sum of $, shall be constituted a Life Member, and be exempt from all dues or contributions whatever; [and the said sums may be paid in instalments of $ each, the dues to cease at the payment of the last instalment.]*

Sec. 5. *Honorary Membership.*—Any brother who has been a member of this Lodge, and in good standing, for years and upwards, may by a vote of the Lodge be made an honorary member, and as such entitled to all the privileges of membership, without the payment of dues.

A brother who has resigned from this Lodge, shall, upon his readmission, be credited, in respect of his becoming a life member or honorary member, with the time for which he was actually a member.

ARTICLE VII.

Advancement.

No brother shall be entitled to advancement in the Order, until he shall have given proofs of his proficiency in his former degrees, paid his fees and dues, and signed the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

Resignations.

Any member wishing to resign from this Lodge, shall present his application in writing at a stated meeting, and at the same time produce a certificate from the Secretary of his having paid all arrearages to the Lodge, including his dues for that evening, or of having had the same remitted; and upon his having so done, his request shall be granted at the next stated meeting, and he shall, if he requires, receive a certificate on paying $ for the same, thereof to the Secretary as a compensation for his services, and the balance to the funds of the Lodge. *Provided,*

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* The clauses within brackets may be omitted, if desired; and the exemption from dues, &c., may, if preferred, exclude such sum as shall be necessary to discharge the dues payable by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge for such member.

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however, that when it appears necessary for a brother to make a sudden and unexpected departure from the city, his request may be granted at the meeting on which he makes application.

ARTICLE IX.

*Standing Committees.**

Section 1. *Committee of Grievance.*—There shall be Committee of Grievance, consisting of members, of whom shall be Past Masters, and who shall be appointed annually at the stated meeting of the Lodge next ensuing the annual election, to whom all complaints against any of the brethren of this Lodge shall be referred, with directions to examine with care, and accommodate the difference in an amicable manner, if possible; but if they cannot do so, then to report to the Lodge their proceedings, together with all the facts connected with the case, and such measures as they may deem proper to recommend.†

Sec. 2. *Committee of Charity.*—There shall be a Committee of Charity, consisting of members of the Lodge, one of whom shall be a Past Master, and who shall be appointed annually on the night of the election, to whom shall be referred all petitions for charity, after they have been read in open Lodge; and it shall be their duty to examine and see if the situation of the applicant be as shall have been stated, and whether such applicant is entitled and every way worthy to receive charity from this Lodge, and if so, they are hereby authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer for such part of the sum granted by the Lodge to such petitioner as his or her case may require, but no more.‡

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* By-Laws may, if it be preferred, provide for the *election* of these Committees or any of them; or for their being appointed or elected oftener than annually; or for their being composed either wholly or in part of the officers of the Lodge or any of them.

† If any provision is made in the By-Laws with reference to complaints against or differences among the brethren of the Lodge, such provision must follow the form here given, subject to the modifications stated in the preceding note. It is recommended that such provision be made in the By-Laws of all lodges, as it may prevent the necessity for preferring formal charges, which brethren may afterwards regret to have in a permanent form upon the minutes of the Lodge; and which, should the case require it, will come with more deliberation and solemnity, after the consideration of such a Committee as is here provided.

‡ It is not obligatory upon any Lodge to dispense its charity through a Committee; and any By-Law regulating the duties of such a Committee may, if it be preferred, provide for the direct action of the Committee in the relief of any case, without the prior authority of the Lodge; but it is recommended if such provision be made, that a limitation of the amount for which the Committee may draw on the Treasurer be inserted in the By-Law.

Sec. 3. *Committee on Accounts.*—The Committee on Accounts shall consist of members, who shall be appointed annually on the night of the election; and it shall be their duty to report at the next stated meeting.

Sec. 4. *Committee on Furniture.*—There shall be a Committee on Furniture, consisting of the W. M., Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall take charge of the regalia and other furniture of the Lodge; keep the same in repair; purchase new regalia and furniture when directed; and make a written report, with a full and correct inventory attached, of the amount and condition of their trust, at the stated meeting next succeeding the annual election.

ARTICLE X.

Suits at law, private jealousies, disagreements, and differences among the brethren of the Lodge shall be discouraged; and when any of the members exceed the bounds of morality, it shall be the duty of the Master and Wardens to admonish and reprove them. And if their influence is not sufficient to restrain such member or members, this Lodge shall immediately use such means as may be deemed necessary to remove the evil.*

ARTICLE XI.

Trustees.†

Section 1. At the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day annually, there shall be elected Trustees to serve for one year.

Sec. 2. All investments of the Lodge shall be made in the names of the said Trustees, as "Trustees of Lodge, No. ," and their successors and assigns; they shall make no investments, except in bonds and mortgages, the public stocks or loans of the Untied States, of the State of Pennsylvania, or of the City of Philadelphia, or of the Masonic loans of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and they shall have no power to alter, change, or dispose of any of said investments or securities, without the sanction of the Lodge.‡

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* This form is the only one that can be approved by the Grand Lodge, upon the general subject matter which it provides for; any particular specification of offences is unnecessary.

† It is recommended that every Lodge owning real estate, or having investments for a permanent fund or charity fund, or of any considerable amount, shall intrust the care and management of the same to Trustees, under regulations similar to those here given. The Trustees may be either elected, or the officers of the Lodge or any of them may be Trustees *ex officio*.

‡ Each Lodge may provide for the investment of its funds, in such manner as it may deem best; but it is earnestly recommended that the By-Laws restrict the investments to such securities as those specified, or such others as are or may be recognized by law as proper for trust funds. The last clause of this section may be omitted, if preferred, and provision made that the Trustees or a majority of them shall have power to alter and change the investments.

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Sec. 3. They shall have charge of all real estate, securities, and investments of the Lodge; collect the income, interest, and dividends thereof, and pay the same over to the Secretary at the next stated meeting after the same shall have been collected, taking his receipt therefor.*

Sec. 4. They shall make a full report to the Lodge upon the evening of the annual election, of all their transactions, with a list of all securities held for the Lodge, and a statement of the condition of the investments.

ARTICLE XII.

Permanent Fund.

Section 1. In order to insure stability and perpetuity to this Lodge, and to enable it to exercise works of charity, there shall be raised a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be applied, in the first instance, to the payment of the Grand Lodge dues for life members and honorary members, and the residue thereof to aid brother Masons, their widows and orphans.

Sec. 2. There shall be set aside for this purpose the following sums, viz:—

1. The whole amount paid for life membership.
2. Out of every fee for initiation and membership, $.
3. Out of every fee for the admission of a brother, $.
4. Out of every fee for conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $.

And all moneys or property that shall accrue to the Lodge by donation, gift, devise, or otherwise, for this purpose.

Sec. 3. Whenever the money which has come into the hands of the Treasurer, from the sources mentioned in Section 2, amounts at any time to $, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Lodge, and thereupon an order shall be drawn for such amount in favor of the Trustees for investment.

Sec. 4. Whenever the funds in the hands of the Treasurer exceed $, exclusive of moneys arising from the sources mentioned in Section 2, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Lodge, and thereupon an order shall be drawn in favor of the Trustees for such amount as the Lodge shall determine, for investment.

Sec. 5. The fund thus created shall not be impaired or diminished; but shall be increased from time to time as the finances of the Lodge will admit, until such fund shall reach the sum of at least thousand dollars.†

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* If preferred, the Trustees may be directed to hold the income for reinvestment, or to pay it direct to the treasurer, or if it be devoted specifically to charity, to dispense it upon orders properly drawn.

† Such further provisions may be added as may be desired, in regard to the application of the income of said fund, &c.

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ARTICLE XIII.

Stewards.

The Stewards shall receive directions from the W. M., or from the Lodge by resolution, and they shall provide accordingly.*

ARTICLE XIV.

Alterations and Amendments.

No addition, alteration, or amendment to these By-Laws shall be made, unless a motion therefor be presented in writing, at a stated meeting, with the name of the mover and seconder. It shall then be read by the Secretary, and lie over without debate until the next stated meeting, in the notices for which it shall be set forth that "An addition [or alteration, or amendment, as the case may be] to the By-Laws will be considered and acted upon;" and if it shall then be approved by a majority of the members present, it shall be adopted.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the W. M. takes the chair and gives Masonic notice, the brethren shall be seated and observe strict order and silence.

2. After the Lodge is open, the minutes of the last stated meeting, and of any intervening meetings shall be read. Reports of Committees shall be first in order; then Petitions addressed to the Lodge; then balloting for members and initiating them; after which any miscellaneous business of the Lodge, as the W. M. may direct.

3. When a motion is made, or any matter communicated, the brother moving or communicating shall address the W. M.; if a motion is seconded, the W. M. shall state it, and after an opportunity has been afforded for its discussion, put the question to the Lodge, when the same shall be determined by a majority of the members present; but at the request of any three members, the question shall be taken by a ballot, and decided by a majority of the votes.

4. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, and no brother who is not a member (the elective Grand

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* By-Laws may be enacted also, in reference to the duties of the Deacons, Masters of Ceremonies, and other subordinate officers; but they are not necessary, and their adoption is not recommended.

Officers excepted) shall be allowed to address the Lodge without permission first obtained from the W. M. In case two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the W. M. shall decide to whom belongs the preference.

5. No brother shall retire from an open Lodge without permission first obtained from the W. M.

6. The W. M. shall call any brother to order who may trangress these rules.

7. These rules may be dispensed with by the W. M. when he shall see occasion so to do.

SUGGESTIONS.

The preceding forms include all the By-Laws most usual in lodges. Additional provisions are adopted by some lodges, such as articles prohibiting the appropriation of money at other than stated meetings, nor unless the W. M. or one of the Wardens be present, and in the chair; providing that widows and orphans of members shall be entitled to charity from the Lodge, and for the education and care of such orphans; providing a regular committee for the visitation of the sick, with a particular specification of its duties, &c. &c. This latter subject it is more in accordance with the usages and customs of the Order to leave to the general principles of charity which characterize the institution, and that voluntary action of the brethren in each case which will be the natural result of those principles.

A *majority* must govern in all questions, except upon the approval or admission of candidates, in which unanimity is required; and upon the change of the stated place of meeting of the Lodge, to authorize which it is specially provided by the Ahiman Rezon (see *ante*, pp. 9, 10) that a vote of *two-thirds* is necessary. Any provision, therefore, in the By-Laws of a Lodge, requiring a two-thirds vote upon a question is improper.

The use of such terms as "Card," or "Withdrawal Card," "Diploma," &c., is not in accordance with Masonic usage. "*Adjourned*" meetings are not properly known in Masonry. *Fines* are not according to Masonic usage and custom, and their infliction as a punishment is improper. Lodges in framing their By-Laws should be scrupulously careful to avoid unmasonic expressions and terms, and to adhere closely to *Masonic* usages and customs.

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